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HEROES' WELCOME FOR SUPERKIDS

COLE IS OUT

Socceroo striker Gary Cole had to withdraw from the Australian squad preparing for the dual duels against New Zealand.

Cole, a teacher, has school commitments.

The Australian squad is now in "camp" at the Rushcutters Bay Travelodge.

National coach Les Scheinflug will announce his travelling squad during this week.

The first match will be played on Feb. 22 in Auckland and the return game on Feb. 27 in Melbourne.

The victorious Young Socceroos received a tumultuous welcome on their return to Sydney last week.

Now, after a short rest, they will begin their preparations for the World Youth Cup Finals in Mexico.

The draw will be made next week by FIFA in Mexico City.

On Page 5 Tommy Anderson evaluates the team and the players while Paul James describes the emotion-packed arrival of the young heroes.

Death threat to Heidelberg boss

By Con Nikolopoulos

Heidelberg United are in the middle of a serious crisis, which threatens the very existence of the club.

During an extraordinary Executive Meeting, president Sam Gouloupoulos revealed to the members of his committee that he had received threats against

his life, and demanded a General Meeting of the members be convened for Sunday.

Club sources described the situation as "explosive" and expressed grave fears for the future of the club.

Meantime, Sam Gouloupoulos quashed rumours

that the club is facing serious financial difficulties.

The rumours, stemming from implications made during the recent meeting of National League Clubs in Sydney, "are totally unfounded", as far as Sam Gouloupoulos is concerned.

"Unlike some other

members of the League, Heidelberg is not in arrears in its account with the League. It amazes me, therefore, why people do not refer to other clubs named at our meeting, and have chosen to discredit my club," said Gouloupoulos.

Week of drama at Sydney Olympic

Olympic will be again in the news this year, one way or another.

Last week they kept the Press scurrying for their typewriters with a series of dramas, upheavals and incidents.

First they wanted to refuse to play their Ampol Cup game without their three internationals, now in camp for the two New Zealand clashes.

Then they changed their mind, having been explained that the three players—Katholos, Raskopoulos and Soper—would be in training camp until AFTER the end of the Ampol Cup and the club would have to seek a continuous postponement of their matches, if they qualified.

Midweek, with the axe about to fall on their recently appointed fulltime secretary Stephen

Blatchford, a new chapter was added to the script.

Clearly unaware of his precarious position, Blatchford telephoned ASF President Sir Arthur George on this postponement issue, abused him—then slammed down the phone.

This provided the welcome opportunity for the club management to ease Blatchford out of his position, something that would have happened anyway.

Then the epilogue: Olympic did play in the Ampol Cup and lost 4-1 to St. George whose veteran star Dez Marton banged in all four goals for the winners.

Now there are no more Ampol Cup worries—and the club can start looking for a new secretary as well...



David Lowe, Tommy McCulloch and Jimmy Patikas with the trophy their team won in Costa Rica. Inset above: The proudest man in Australia, George McCulloch in his playing days—and now "only" the father of the Young Socceroos' captain...

AMPOL CUP QUARTERFINALS

MARTON MAGIC WIPE OLYMPIC

By John Economos

Sydney Olympic were knocked out of the Ampol Cup when St George hit them 4-1 at Marconi Stadium.

Olympic without three of their regular first graders, (Katholos, Soper and Raskopoulos, called into the Australian training camp), were sunk by St George's veteran striker, Dez Marton who hit all four goals.

Marton has become the top, consistent, exciting player Australian soccer has lacked for so long.

Since arriving here two seasons back, Marton has never failed to deliver goals. But now he is rapidly adding great entertainment into the deal as well.

Marton scored his first in the 38th minute of the match to put Saints ahead, and in the 63rd minute scored his second from close-range followed by a penalty he took after Slater had been tripped in the Olympic box by Dakos, thus giving Marton his hat-trick.

But the 'Marton-machine' had not been switched off yet as in the 78th minute he turned the whole Marconi Stadium upside down with a spectacular fourth goal.

Penetrating into the Olympic box from the left, Marton dummied two shots to 'floor' goalkeeper Gary Meier, then again dummied another two shots at two Sydney Olympic defenders who had doubled up in cover on the goal-line, sending both the wrong way. Finally Marton slotted home to end his teasing as the whole stadium erupted with loud

roars and clapping, acknowledging the old master's skills and exciting entertainment.

Entertainment 'par excellence'.

Saints' manager, Frank Arok, took Marton off one minute later as reward for a real fine job done, and sent his chief destroyer in for an early shower.

Seconds from fulltime, Olympic's sweeper, Ricky Herbert hit back with a consolation goal to stop the scoreboard rolling over at 4-1.

Olympic's young linkman, Gary Phillips, had a sound match with excellent first-time balls in his distribution and goalkeeper, Gary Meier (despite the four goals) performed well. He was crucified.

For St George, again it was a display of 'unit-performance' with Marton somewhat having an edge.

Sydney Olympic playing St George, always proves an excellent match.

Both have been drawn in the Philips Cup in Round 1.

ST. GEORGE: Greedy Skeen, M O'Shea, J O'Shea, R O'Shea: Stone Wilkinson, Koczka: Slater Muskovits (Feher 79th min), Marton (Baumgartner 79th min).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier Rogers, Dakos, Herbert, Rowden: Phillips Svinos, Patalis: Wilsor (Scott 52nd min), Koussa: (Kelly 52nd min), Jennings.

REFEREE: K Pollard.

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Sutherland v. Sydney City 2-2

By Keith Gilmour

Sutherland's well-conceived tactics and ability to continually keep moving brought them a deserved 2-2 draw with National League champions Sydney City in their quarter-final clash at Melita Stadium.

Sutherland were again without injured striker Tony Bush, but the Slickers could not use Socorro forwards John Kosmina and David Mitchel, both in Newcastle with the national squad.

Stopper Steve O'Connor remains on the casualty list.

The tactics that paid off for the Sharks were to make space for themselves by shielding the ball and utilising time and room to set up their passes.

In addition they exploited wing to wing passes to vary the point of attack and slow up the play.

They certainly needed to do this as they were closed down much more quickly than they had been by Leichhardt in their previous game.

It came as a shock when Shane Clinch beat his defender after an following excellent right move and smashed his shot past Slickers' goalkeeper Tony Pezzano from 10 meters.

By the 13th minute Sutherland had another close chance. Garry Knowles arrived a split second too late to turn full-back Brandt Cashman's low cross into a second goal.

But then the clever Willie Murray galvanised Sydney

City into action. He was just one of the players who had too many skills for the opposition as he turned his full-back regularly.

But suddenly Murray carved up the defence to put Boden into possession. His shot rebounded from the post and Lee pounded it into Sutherland's net.

At the end of the half it was Ian Bruce who netted one of his rare goals.

Steaming ahead from his left-back spot to the edge of the box, he sensed his opportunity and steered the ball inside the far upright with a right-foot ground shot.

The Slickers became a little casual and as so often, they ended up shared in the Shark's offside traps.

Replacement Graeme Fletcher attempted to lob Mal Haynes and almost brought it off. The big fellow found time to turn ball over his crossbar.

Then an angled drive from Craig Rogers on the right wing went into the far side of the Slickers' goal for a 2-2 score.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Mullen, Robertson, Gomez, Bruce, Murray, Watson, Barnes, Boden (Fletcher 41m), Souness (De Marigny 70m), Lee.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Cashman, Hesford, Schafregger, Dal Forno, Watkins, Harrington, Webber, Knowles (Groome 67m), Clinch, Rogers.

GOALS: 0-1 Clinch (7m), 1-1 Lee (34m), 2-1 Bruce (37m), 2-2 Rogers (58m).

MARCONI HITS THE 'GONG

By John Economos

Marconi, even without their stars Tony Henderson and Mark Jankovics, knocked out Wollongong 2-1 from the Ampol Cup at the Marconi Stadium.

Marconi opened their account in the 10th minute when from an excellent cross from right-back Vic Bozanic, Ian Hunter laid back nicely for linkman Atti Carbone to volley into the net from inside the box.

Wollongong had a chance late in the first half to balance the books but Marconi's stop-gap-stopper, Ricky Budini, cleared off the goal-line neatly to deny the South Coasters a goal.

With 22 minutes of the second half gone, Wollongong's midfielder, Phil Kerr, crashed in a shot to score after making a 30 metre bust when sent away by striker, Glenn Fontana.

With 16 minutes left on the clock and the scoreline still locked in at 1-1, Marconi broke away through Djordjevic who crossed into the Wollongong box to find striker Hunter who stabbed his shot into the net from close-range.

Just a minute after this goal, Marconi's newly signed Australian World Youth striker, Rod Brown, making his debut for the club, crashed in a shot from close-range only to see Wollongong's experienced goalkeeper, Jimmy Preston pull off a great save.

MARCONI: Maher: Bozanic, Degney, Budini, Rizzotto: Djordjevic, Carbone, McCulloch, Silva: Hunter, Brown.

WOLLONGONG: Preston, Willis, Vlasta, Fleming, Pollard: Gaffney, Waldron, Kerr: Cotton, Morland, Fontana.

Referee: P. Hafey.

MELITA v BLACKTOWN 3-0

Melita Eagles grabbed the Blacktown Demons by the scruff of their necks and administered a 3-0 spanking in their Cup replay at Marconi Stadium.

On this occasion the Eagles were much quicker to the ball whereas too often Blacktown were caught flat-footed.

None did better for the winners than winger John McKie, scorer of the first goal, although full credit must go to Dennis Duarte, who netted the second in polished style.

New English player Les Chaloner, still not acclimatised, squeezed an early opportunity outside the post.

★★★★

A late penalty once again finished off by midfielder Ray Farrugia, let Melita Eagles off the hook and forced the clubs into a replay.

The 2-2 result was a little flattering to Melita, who surrendered the midfield to a more rugged Croatia through the middle phases of the match.

Melita certainly started out as polished performers before Croatia's aggression held sway.

Dennis Duarte, an excellent capture for the Eagles, sent a flashing right-foot drive past Croatia goalkeeper Steve Watson in the 30th minute.

Watson could do little to stop it as the ball took a deflection off the defence.

It was a different story after the break. In the 46th minute substitute striker Clive Campbell curled a beautiful swinging cross for Peter Hensman to whip a header into the net.

Campbell had a chance three minutes later when the ball came to him unexpectedly right in front of goal, but he did not adjust

He made amends for this by lifting a free kick from near the left touchline for McKie to outjump the defence and head past Peter Freeman.

Duarte took a chip ball from Alex Jamieson in full flight and crashed a superb shot into Blacktown's goal.

Too often the greatly talented John Larkin was playing a lone hand at the front for the Demons, who were forced to go forward. They were thin at the back when the Eagles released their counter-attacks.

It was all over when Blacktown left-back Tony Rasmussen handled in his area and RFay Farrugia drove in the resultant penalty kick.

quick enough to get in a clear shot.

The ex-New Zealand international was later injured and substituted by Almo Muratovic. In the 30th minute he was on the field and he did enough to show that he will be an asset to his new club.

Soon afterwards it was Hensman again. Wally Savor slipped a crisp pass in from the wing and Hensman crashed the ball home.

The game looked safely in the aggressive Croatia's keeping but then John McKie was well and truly fouled in the penalty box.

Farrugia's successful penalty shot brought the score to 2-2 and the Melita players took new heart.

Players were going down like ninepins with cramps and aches as the game entered into extra time.

Croatia's Dennis Duarte saw his well-placed shot deflected away for a corner as the clubs settled for 2-2 and a replay in a stirring finish.



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STATE LEAGUE REPORTS

By John Economos

Croatia, the NSW 1982 State League champions, will be looking for another title this season.

With a star-studded squad already signed up, Croatia will prove to be once again the team to beat.

Croatia will again be coached by the quiet, well educated and young Joseph Kuze who was successful with the side last year.

Kuze, is a qualified lawyer from Dinamo Zagreb, and with his quiet, gentle manner, has embraced the respect of all his players.

Once again, Croatia will have as their captain and sweeper, Bruno Vidaic.

Last year, Vidaic although playing a leading role in his club's success, was constantly plagued towards the end of the season with a painful groin injury. It says a lot for this big fellow's courage that he continued to lead Croatia week in, week out, into battle without once complaining.

But now with pre-season training into full swing, the giant sweeper has found himself still in trouble with the very same groin problem. In fact, so far this year, he has concentrated on just light jogging without any ball-work.

Vidaic must clear up this problem very quickly as he is getting nowhere as things are and he is too valuable a player for Croatia to expect him to struggle through 1983 carrying this injury.

Sydney City's massive centre-back, Steve O'Connor, experienced the very same injury about the same time as Vidaic, and he was advised to have complete rest from football until it cleared up.

But after four months of rest, O'Connor finds himself still in trouble with the same ailment.

Which brings me to the point of just how much interest clubs are showing towards sports medicine.

For a long time Vidaic has been the 'spine' of Croatia and last season this strength and responsibility gradually shifted across to their right-back and newly signed World Youth Squad member, Brett Woods.

Woods in fact since moving to Croatia from PSL champions, Sydney City, matured tremendously and took the brunt of responsibility fully on his shoulders to the extent that he ended

Croatia poised for new title

up winning the ASPA 1982 NSW award for the Best & Fairest Player Under 21.

No doubt central midfielder, Marijan Kovacic, will once more be directing traffic from the centre of the pitch for Croatia this year and he has developed over the years into a mature, responsible play-maker.

Kovacic as well as being Croatia's play-maker, is also a good goalscorer.

The Big Fellow

Another very valuable player for Croatia in the past and no doubt for this season, is left flankman, Peter Hensman.

Hensman a powerful, lanky, pacey striker, has all the ingredients of a top footballer. Experience, skills, endurance and above all, the will to win are his assets.

Nothing looks more spectacular than this big English winger crashing his way down the touch-lines (either left or right) and slinging into the box great crosses for his 'inside men' to set up scoring chances.

Croatia have all of last year's squad signed up and for this season and have just signed Clive Campbell from Blacktown City for an economical transfer fee.

Croatia's secretary, Tony Basic, told us: "We are fully booked up with players at the moment, but we would always be interested in a high quality, young striker at any time. "We are always interested in youth because they have a future with our club."

"Look at Johnny Galic, how nicely he has come along. "Dave Rezo is another example."

Basic continued: "At the moment, Croatia has no real pressure to buy players just for the sake of buying. That would be unwise and most wasteful."

In case Bruno Vidaic does break down, Croatia already has a built-in safety valve in the central defence combination of Tommy Basic as stopper with former Australian squad player Johnny Coyne as free-back.



Marijan Kovacic, Croatia's playmaker

Third Division teams prepare

By P. Salapatras

The 1982 season was a two-team race between Artamon and Campbelltown with the League and Premiership double going to Artamon. Artamon duly won promotion.

As runners-up CAMPBELLTOWN CITY must again rank as one of the favourites for the 1983 competition.

Although the coaching staff has been appointed with Ray Byles, Ray Brookes and Nick Stille handling the three grades, final details involving signing-on players and a lucrative sponsorship are almost complete.

After a highly successful 1982 season which included second place in the Club Championship and winning the Umbro Cup, KINGSFORD are looking forward to 1983 as another year of achievement.

Again sponsored by the CASTELLORIZIAN CLUB, coach Stan Foster hopes that Hopkins, Murray, Kostakis Page & Co will fire and if they do, Kingsford will again be in the finals.

Newly promoted BOND MARINES have compensated for the loss of some of the premier team of 1982 by signing on Jay O'Rourke (player-coach) Shane and Tony Wilson (Rockdale), Joe Robinson, Ian McGovern and Colin Verth.

The club will again be sponsored by Terry Page's Coogee Bay Hotel and

during the season guest coaches will include Tommy Docherty, Kaz Kulak and Eddie Thomson.

ALBIONS

Les Decelis, coach of LIVERPOOL ALBIONS is being ably supported by an aggressive committee and this is reflected in the amount of work done in the off-season.

Players signed on include Dave Harmon, Garry Marsden, Vlad Kanaus and an un-named former Yugoslav international who is almost on Albion's books.

The lower grade squads have been built-up and Martin Driene, winner of the club's scholarship for 1982, will be returning soon, having played for three months with Wimbledon.

Albions will again be offering a trip to the UK for this year's Scholarship winner.

MT DRUITT, semifinalists in 1982, are relying on local players to carry them through the 1983 season.

Coach John Haynes is building up his three grade squads mainly with juniors from within the district.

His intentions are to blend the younger players with the more seasoned performers and his aims are to win the league.

• Third Division cont. next week

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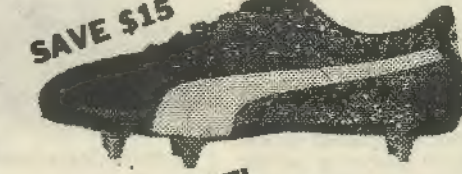
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STATE LEAGUE REPORTS

MANLY WARRINGAH GETS ITS HOUSE IN ORDER

Soccer has always been the poor relation of the football codes in Manly Warringah.

The rugby league team has been rated, for some time, as just about the best and most glamorous in Australia. Rugby Union, too, has a strong following in the district with two senior clubs, Manly and Warringah.

Now soccer is going places in the peninsula keenly counting the days until its State League side is able to open its very own licensed club on the excellent Cromer Park ground at Dee Why.

While other soccer clubs in Sydney have been handsomely subsidised for years by social clubs, Manly has always dreamed of following suit. It is accepted that a team cannot have success without money - and it cannot have money without revenue-raising poker machines.

Some 13 months ago, Manly Warringah started work on the licensed club. This week, president George Dick proudly claimed: "The job is about 90 per cent complete."

The outside of the building is erected as is the front foyer, office and the children's lounge at the rear. The interior is now being fitted out. All work should be finished by the end of March, at which stage soccer in Manly Warringah will OWN a club valued at a conservative \$250,000 on land which has a similar valuation.

Voluntary

Old-timers despaired of this dream ever coming true. It has been achieved through sheer hard work from voluntary labour plus a welcome loan from the State Bank.

The Manly State League club will not be the only occupier of the premises. Provision has been made for the Manly Warringah Soccer Association to have its own office-cum-committee room in the building. There has always been a strong link between the MWSA, which caters mainly for juniors, and the senior club.

This has produced a steady flow of young local talent into Manly's State League squad. The spread of junior soccer in the peninsula has been prolific over the past decade and this cannot fail to yield a considerable reservoir of talent for the senior club.

On the playing side, Manly looks forward to a successful campaign in the State League in 1983, following last season's creditable equal fifth... on the same points as powerful Melita Eagles.

George Dick said: "There have been a few

By David Jack

departures. Stuart Regan has been transferred to Kuringai and Barry Lock has returned to England. John Dick is building his new home at Clareville and looks like missing the early games. Goalkeeper Mark Dower is now with Warringah-Narabeen, but with our goalkeeping strength, this is not a problem.

will mourn the loss of Mick Jones. However, according to George Dick, Jones wanted to combine the director of coaching position with that of coach of the senior side. "But we wanted one man to concentrate solely on the first grade team," explained the president.

Unlike some other NSW



Chris Cassettari—back in action with Manly

"On the credit side, we have signed Robert Sherman, a striker from Swansea City in Wales and Roy Jones a midfielder who played for Meadowbank Thistle in the Scottish League. And two of our 'old boys' have returned to the club. Goalkeeper Chris Cassettari is available after spending the past two years studying at the University of New South Wales and we have also resigned Peter Vale who originally left Manly Warringah to try his luck with Sydney City Slickers.

"These moves, in and out, should mean we are at least as strong as in 1983 when the team made a serious title challenge until the latter stages when we fell away."

New coach

There is also a change in the coaching set-up. Jimmy Hughes has replaced Mick Jones, who has become regional director of coaching for the District Association.

Hughes will have help from Hugh Hendry and Brian Stocks. It is typical of the family affair atmosphere at Manly Warringah that this trio should look after the coaching. All three were players in the Manly team which won promotion to the NSW first division in 1968.

There will be some who

clubs which have hit the heights and fallen away almost to oblivion... for instance Western Suburbs. Manly have progressed to their present position almost at snail's pace.

"We have been patient - attempting every year to at least break even financially. It is not the ideal way to win championships but it would have been fatal to have over-stretched our resources. Last year, we even finished with a small surplus, believe it or not!"

"Now, after all those years, Manly Warringah is almost ready to move into the big time. Once we get our social club functioning, we hope to win the State League within the next couple of years. After that, we want to play in the Australian National League."

It is a tough target for a club which, for too long, has been among the also-rans of the code.

Yet ambition is a great thing. And Manly has a set-up which would certainly not be out of place in the NSL. The Cromer Park ground is the envy of most other teams in the State League, with its plush dressing rooms, canteen, new banking all round the pitch for spectators and, soon, that licensed club.

George Dick summed it all up when he stated: "Manly Warringah sees a very bright future here."

New South Wales

Blacktown bank on their own young

By John Economos.

Blacktown City, having finished the 1982 season in third position ending the competition on equal points with champions, Croatia, will again be looking to 1983 with wide optimism.

The club has lost last year's manager-coach, Rale Rasic who has moved to Victoria to take over NSL outfit South Melbourne. His successor this season will be Wollongong product Casey de Bruin, former St George first grader and Director Of Coaching for Illawarra.

De Bruin had applied for the Wollongong Wolves position immediately after Ken Morton's sudden departure last year, but that club elected to appoint former Leichhardt manager, Willie Wallace.

Late last year, when Blacktown realised that Rasic was about to move out of town, they appointed de Bruin as their coach.

Casey, back in the early 60's, was an excellent, hard midfielder for the Saints and with his academic coaching qualifications will do a sound job for Blacktown.

Campbell gone

Blacktown this year will be without Clive Campbell whom they sold to Croatia two weeks ago, and they will once again be keen to promote youth players into their senior ranks.

Blacktown's success last year stemmed from the massive 50 goals they cracked in whilst their defence allowed in only 28. Only Riverwood was able to score more goals than Blacktown.

De Bruin has the job well ahead of him and many observers will be looking towards him for success as he is truly a local coach.

Soccer in Australia has not been fair to Australian coaches and it is good to see the Abonyis, Watkisses and Warrens breaking-through to the top.

Blacktown have already made a clean-out of their books and so far the following players have been transferred to Avala: Phil Burrows, Harry Houssini, Bucky Kristic.

Defender, Steve Pollard has gone to Wollongong, whilst Clive Campbell was sold to Croatia.

Stuart Johnston was given a free clearance to negotiate with the club of his choice.

Blacktown will concentrate on bringing through youth and they have kicked-off with the signings of two players from the A.I.S. last year, but both were

Auburn players. They are Mike McLaughlin and Anthony Welbourne.

The club will lean for experience on sweeper, Cliff Pointer, Bruce James (goalkeeper), Stuart Selavage, Peter Brogan, Warren Turnbull.

Another big season will be expected from their excellent right-back, and World Youth defender, Robbie Wheatley.

Wheatley has already played for the Australian national team and although a young lad still, has amassed a wealth of experience that will stand him and Blacktown in good stead.

Working closely with Casey de Bruin, will be the club's Youth Director of Coaching, David Lee.



Bruce James, Blacktown's top goalie

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SAN JUAN CONQUERED

By Tom Anderson

Mission completed — the Young Socceroos are in Mexico and will take their rightful place in the WYC Finals in June.

Once again, as in the prestigious Joao Havelange Tournament in Acapulco in November, Australia's brilliant young team turned in spellbinding performances in Costa Rica to prove once and for all they are in world class at this level.

Anyone who doubts this has either a hole in the head or wouldn't know the difference between a football and a pumpkin.

Having been with this squad through their campaigns in Acapulco and in Costa Rica I have nothing but admiration and respect for them.

They have been well drilled by national coach Les Scheinflug and they play to their strengths and cover up their weaknesses as a team.

Their attitude towards the game of football is second to none and is one of complete dedication and will to succeed for Australia.

Their steam discipline on the field is nothing less than exemplary and their self-discipline would make the majority of senior players blush with embarrassment.

No praise is high enough for these Aussie youngsters and their coaches Les Scheinflug and Raul Blanco.

After having been made travel to Central America to play against Israel and Costa Rica and only FIFA can explain this one! — they climbed the mountain and entered the promised land.

The Young Socceroos will now be a team to be reckoned with when the World Youth Cup Finals blast off on June 3.

The strength of this Australian team is not in its brilliant individual players but its teamwork and organisation.

"Club" team

While other nations play like teams of bits and pieces the Young Aussies perform like a top class club combination that has played together for years.

Not that I'm inferring that there aren't any good individual players in the lineup — far from it.

Players such as Jim Patikas, David Lowe and Tommy McCulloch are in world class at this level and could play in any country.

Coach Les Scheinflug's handling of his team to get them to Mexico has been impeccable.

Any criticism levelled at Scheinflug must surely be sour grapes or jealousy.

He is a shrewd tactician, a hard taskmaster and a man who has the complete loyalty of his players.

This is a recipe for success in the coaching business.

Report card

Here is my summing up of the form showed in San Jose by the Australian team.

Goalkeeper Chris Hummel: Excellent reflexes and a youngster who works hard at his game. Lacks a bit in height but can overcome this by his outstanding agility and reading of the situation. Has one bad habit — putting his defence in trouble at times with thoughtless distribution. But overall, excellent.

Right back: Ralph Maier — A fine player whose strength lies in offense and overlapping. Is adequate in defence and got better as the series progressed.

Left back: Roy Jones — A giant of a youngster with unlimited future. At the present he is rather a "gentle giant" but has all the makings of a top class player — is big, strong, fast and mobile. Wonderful prospect.

Stopper: Ray Vlietstra — Another young giant who has fitted into the setup well. Strong in the air and hard in the tackle he is the perfect foil for libero Tommy McCulloch. At present Vlietstra is at the top of his form and a key man for Mexico.

Libero: Tommy McCulloch — Team captain and a thoroughbred! Here is a player with talent unlimited and a youngster who could walk into the senior national team immediately. Nothing else needs to be added!

Midfield: Jim Patikas — Another thoroughbred and highly talented performer

Talent, dedication: we've got a team!



The Young Socceroos on their arrival in Sydney

who could also hold down a place in the senior national team. Patikas has the ability and the talent to change the course of a game on his own with a brilliant flash of genius.

Midfield: Russell Steward — This Queenslander is one of the unsung heroes of the team and a player with a high workrate and tremendous ability. How he isn't playing in the national league in Brisbane is one of the mysteries of Australian football!

Midfield: Fabio Incantalo — Another very fine player who has guile and experience beyond his years. 'Fabulous Fab' is the man in the team with the ability to put his foot on the ball, to slow down when things get hectic.

Striker: David Lowe — This little genius from Newcastle gets better with every game. What a prospect

and a youngster in the mould of the great Ray Baartz. Lowe's ability to capitalise on the mere half chance is invaluable to this team.

Striker: Frank Farina — Speed unlimited and a youngster who has improved out of sight since the tournament in Acapulco. As his confidence increases so does his performances and he has the ability to rip and defence apart with his devastating speed and dynamic finish.

Goalkeeper Tony Franken played in the friendly game against Saprissa and had a magnificent game. Big and strong with fine reflexes.

Defender: Frank Farone lost his place as stopper to Ray Vlietstra in Acapulco and can't get back in the lineup. A good man to have around.

Paul Daley is another good utility defender who played well in the game against Saprissa.

Luciano Fabrizio is a very good ball player who can perform either at full-back or in the midfield. His play could be improved with a bit more devilment and more bite.

Midfielder Marcel Salvo is a steady player who has the ability to close mark.

Danny Wright is a striker cum midfielder. A youngster with tremendous ability, he tends to try to play at 100 miles an hour. However, a good squad member and a valuable player to have around.

Striker Rene Liccata is fast and dangerous and when he gets used to the strong team and self discipline needed for World Cup football, he will be a very valuable player for coach Scheinflug.

No player in the squad in Costa Rica deserves any criticism whatsoever as they all did a marvellous job.

Here is a bunch of talented youngsters willing to give their lot for their country and their coach.

This is what football should be all about.

Pride and passion greet Young 'Roos

By Paul James

The crowd may not have been the same colorful, banner-waving one that greeted Joe Vlasits and his all conquering national team in 1967, or as large as the crowd that packed Sydney Airport when Rale Rasic and Peter Wilson led home the famous Socceroos from Hong Kong after qualifying for West Germany in 1973.

But last Wednesday, more than 200 friends, family and soccer fans — as well as a fairly large media contingent — greeted the Young Socceroos with a loud roar when they emerged from Customs, bearing a huge trophy.

Captain Tom McCulloch and Ralph Maier carried the 'colossus' together, a gift from the Costa Rican authorities for the Young Socceroos after their gallant victory.

Mothers, fathers, girlfriends and brothers and sisters swamped their boys before the ever eager Press men could even get tape recorders rolling.

Sir Arthur George belled for McCulloch and coach Les Scheinflug, his voice rising above the din, and together with Maier and striker David Lowe the business of the press conference was attended to.

All five Sydney stations were there — radio, press and agency reporters as well.

Scheinflug — the man with the Midas touch — looked relaxed, while his young charges looked slightly bemused by it all.

In fact, the only time Scheinflug looked nervous was after the press conference when he was contemplating how he would tell his wife that he might have to be off on yet another overseas trip.

The press conference itself was almost a word for word rendition of the one that followed the young Socceroos' return from Acapulco some months earlier.

The theme of 'pride in the green and gold' was hammered home by Scheinflug, Sir Arthur, and McCulloch.

No mercenaries

If ever the proponents of a new national flag had wanted some backers for the green and gold combination, here they were, sitting in a slightly stuffy airport interview room.

"We now have a group of players both in the youth team and the senior team who are proud of their country," Sir Arthur told us. "I don't think any soccer mercenaries will ever play for Australia again."

"In the past, too many people who came to Australia just to play soccer ended up in our national teams."

"Now we can use proud young Australians," he said.

While nobody would doubt that is a fine thing, the looks on the faces of some soccer men around the room obviously showed a little discomfort.

What about those players like Peter Wilson, who served Australia so well for so many years, or Jim Mackay, or Jim Rooney, or Doug Utjesenovic?

You could see the names being reeled off in a dozen minds.

The urge was there to speak up and say that perhaps the debacle of 1977 and 1981 went deeper.

The fact that once again a coach with an intimate knowledge of the Australian scene had taken a national team to a world championship — the first success of any sort since

Rale Rasic — seemed forgotten.

But this was not the time for resurrecting old, contentious issues.

This was a time for the young heroes to bask in some glory.

Tom McCulloch, a quietly spoken young man, echoed comments of his coach when he said the players were shattered after losing 3-1 to Israel.

"We were just thrown out of our rhythm," he said. "But Les convinced us that we could still do it."

Scheinflug said he was impressed by the passion that pervaded the squad.

"There was a tremendous pride in the whole squad."

"Even with the reserves sitting on the bench you could feel the pride when they listened to the national anthem. It was very moving."

Sweat blood

And that, said Scheinflug, is how it will be from now on.

He said that he only wants players in his sides — be they senior or junior — who are proud of wearing the green and gold, who will "sweat blood" for each other and for Australia.

The greatest fear most critics had was that the Young Socceroos would become over-played, considering that most of them have been playing soccer for almost 14 months now, and are hardly likely to have a let up until the end of this year.

SOCCER SHIRTS SALE

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NSL SAYS PLEASE SHUT UP

Under pressure from West Nally, the NSL will enforce a ruling that prevents clubs from rushing into controversial print with every trivial dispute.

The West Nally Group is known to be concerned over the tendency of some clubs to create public ridicule for the game.

Last week it was Sydney Olympic which caused havoc and confusion with their alleged threat to pull out of the Ampol Cup.

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Goalie Crook faces another pressure year

WESTAD

By Tom McKain

Draw a straight line down the centre of the park and that's where you'll find West Adelaide's "make or break" trio.

We're talking about goalkeeper Martyn Crook and newcomers Stewart Blair (midfield) and striker Wally Bojczuk.

One could probably say that goalkeepers are VIP's in any team, but in West's case Crook is a super VIP.



Martin Crook

As Australia's goalkeeper, and therefore regarded as the best in the land, he must hit his peak at all times.

His team-mates expect miracles from him, and if he has an off day they are liable to crumble.

Crook is the first to admit that if he has a bad day it's a "lulu".

Fortunately for West he seldom has them, and we lost count of the number of times last season, we wrote: "if it hadn't been for Crook" the score would have been . . . etc. etc.

Regular spot

Given a safe 'keeper behind them, back four players can involve themselves more in attack, and Crook encourages his back men to move up — but also insists they cover when he tells them, and that he rules the penalty area.

There were plenty of offers around pre-season for the big blond 'keeper, and it was significant that he was the first player coach Alan Vest re-signed for the 1983 season, despite a very tempting offer from South Melbourne.

For the 26-year-old Crook, it has been a battle to gain a regular spot in the Socceroos after a run-in with former national coach Rudi Gutendorf.

Now he is hoping his form holds for the lead-up to the next World Cup —

and so are West officials, players and fans.

At the other end of the field Bojczuk, signed along with Blair from State League champions Azzurri, is expected to provide goals galore in the 1983 campaign.

Top scorer in the State league for the last two seasons, he is one of those strikers with a nose for goals, scoring with his head, feet, chest, thighs, knees and even his backside.

Bojczuk — his father was Ukrainian and his mother Italian and he was born in Scotland — has not taken his re-entry into the national scene lightly.

Nose for goals

As soon as the State season ended and it was obvious he would be with West or Adelaide City, he threw himself into a private training program which included lots of running and gym work.

It has shown up well in training, and now West and Bojczuk are counting on it for the NSL season — plus that wonderful nose he has for goals.

But while Bojczuk can grab goals, he needs the ball first, and that is where Vest is hoping the 29-year-old Blair will lift the team.

A former professional with Scottish club Hibernian before joining Hakoah in Melbourne then Azzurri three years ago, Blair is expected to provide the flair missing from the midfield last season.

Last year Mickey Brennan and Steve Sumner provided plenty of muscle, and Steve Atsalas and David Doorne youthful enthusiasm.

Now Blair has been signed to make the plays — and while this is his forte, he also has a killer tackle and is no slouch when it comes to scoring.

But Vest will be looking to Blair to lay on the ball for Bojczuk and winger Graham Hayes, who in turn



Tim Brown

And he agrees that this season will be his toughest, coming from the State league into the big time.

The 26-year-old former Scottish professional was with Dumbarton before coming to State League club Lions at 20.

He played in the PSL with the ill-fated Mooroolbark — as a centre back or sweeper!

will be expected to set up crosses for the striker's lethal head.

And while Bojczuk's game is goals, he is not a greedy front runner, and here he could pay a further dividend if he can lay the ball off for Hayes, Graham Honeyman or another new striker Paul Wormly, 20.

But in the end it will all get back to that man in goal — if Crook inspires, then the rest should fire.

Marton has all the tricks and some more

ST GEORGE

The three men I expect to shape the destiny of the Saints in 1983 more than any other are David Ratcliffe, Dez Marton and Peter Stone.

This choice shouldn't cause too much of a surprise; they were, by and large, the key figures in the remarkable recovery of St George in 1982.

Ratcliffe, in his new milieu in Sydney, after some highly promising seasons in Brisbane, has rapidly developed into a top-class sweeper.

Few others in the NSL can match his strength, timing, tackling and football brain.

I rate him in the Tony Henderson class of 1980 — but ahead of the Henderson of the past two seasons.

Ratcliffe is the ideal team player. He is a born fighter, always doing a great deal more than has been assigned to him.

David is tough and powerful; perhaps only Sydney City's Steve O'Connor can emulate him in that department.

If there is a chink in his armor, it is his occasional temptation to give a sloppy backpass or one across the field.

Whenever he moves upfield, such as at corners, Ratcliffe spells danger; his heading ability plus his refusal to be shoved off the ball inside the box can bring unexpected goals.

One more outstanding season like 1982 should see him firmly entrenched in the national team where he could become the same type of anchor man Alan Marnoch was some years ago.



David Ratcliffe

Complete striker

Then there is Dez Marton, ageless, canny, superbly skilled, possibly the most complete striker in Australian soccer.



Dez Marton

Once again, he is likely to be the domineering figure in the St George defence, the man who coordinates the movement and positioning of his younger colleagues, Skeen and the two O'Sheas.

At 33 (or is it 34, perhaps 35?), this Hungarian-Yugoslav has a repertoire of tricks many celebrated European internationals would dearly like to acquire. For a not-so-young, he is fast with the ball, his mazy

runs taking him between retreating defenders with the ease of a slalom runner on the slopes.

Nobody can "sell" a dummy more convincingly

periods, gathering strength, waiting for the tempo of the play to harmonise with his own inner rhythm.

Then he explodes, splitting the defence with a sweeping wall-pass and being on his merry way, once again, to his favorite domain, the goalmouth.

New peak?

Peter Stone is my third tip for stardom. Orderly, sober, disciplined and totally reliable, he epitomises today's midfielder.

He has had some average or even disappointing seasons lately, certainly several notches below his peak which, I always feel, came in the 1977-78 period.

However, Stone is such a fine all-rounder that he could, under Frank Arok's demanding regime, peak again.

One of his great assets is his mobility and endurance. He can be defending in his own goalmouth one second and be at the other end the next.

While not on the robust side, he is resilient with a quick turn and good recovery rate.

Stone's ball skills are well above the average and his distribution is good. However, he doesn't always pick the best moment to part with the ball and is apt to run into tackles.

What could turn him from a good player into an excellent one is a dash of enterprising spirit — just as in the case of his fellow midfielder, John O'Shea.

Great midfielders always do a bit more than is expected of them; it's up to them to give a sudden twist to the game.

If any of these three fail to live up to expectations in 1983, perhaps young Mark Barton could deliver a surprise packet, provided he has an injury-free year.

He has all the attributes of becoming a great fetch-and-carry midfielder with a good shot; some harnessing of his boundless energy could see him surface as one of the stars of the season.

A.D.

SEX MAKES NO DIFFERENCE . . .

The call for referees is spread as widely as possible by many Associations in Sydney.

Gladesville-Hornsby, for example, have no hang ups. They stand at the ready to train anyone interested over 14 years of age — male or female.

Classes run from 7.30-9.30pm on four dates between Monday February 21 to Wednesday March 2, when the examinations take place.

The series is being held at Cherrybrook Public

School, New Line Rd, Cherrybrook.

Contacts are Don Sinclair on 85 5797 and Phil Hafey on 858 3211.

And whether you are a potential senior or junior referee, Ron Beaumont is ready to direct you to a referees' association closest to you somewhere in NSW. He can be reached on 85 7371.

Confidentially...

Don't be surprised if two members of the Israeli Youth squad find their way to Australia to play in the NSL.

Israeli coach Sam Perelman had a phone call from a Sydney City Slickers official during the World Cup eliminations in Costa Rica and enquiries were made about the two young players moving to Slickers.

Perelman said he couldn't put any proposition to the players because they would be virtually locked up in training camp until June when the World Youth titles are decided in Mexico. Seems the Israelis were very confident about qualifying at Australia's expense!

Manchester United were tentatively booked for a tour of New Zealand in the May-June period and it was hoped to fit in a couple of matches in Australia for United.

The deal, however, is now off. The Manchester club pulled out because it had been offered more money to tour elsewhere. Be sure United's stars will be on that club tour - not in Australia with the England squad.

St George coach Frank Arok feels the NSW Ampol Cup quarter finals should have been staged as single games - not double headers. "You would attract around 4,000 people to some of those individual matches, almost as much as a double-header would pull in," he said.



Frank Arok

Paul Burrows has surprisingly joined up with Avala. The connection no doubt is present Avala coach Branislav Krstic, who played alongside Burrows at Blacktown.

In keeping with his determination to make 1983 his biggest year yet, Tony Henderson has a bright new image.

That fair that has suddenly blossomed into a head full of curls and a wide grin goes well with it. "I'm an entirely new player this year so I have a new look to go with it," he said.

Assisting Doug Collins at Marconi is former striker or midfielder Mike Hickman, who played over 400 matches in the English League.

His best year was with Brighton when the club gained third place in the Second Division. He also played in that Division with Blackburn Rovers, and appeared for Grimsby Town and Torquay United as well.

Hickman and Collins played together, so there was an immediate meeting of minds. They also had a few months together at Sydney Olympic.

National squad goalkeeper Bruce James has been hampered by an ankle injury. His place has been well filled in the Blacktown Demons' lineup by Peter Freeman.

Club secretary Bernard O'Flaherty says that James will not join a National League club and has saddled for the Demons once again.

After much conjecture about his future, Murray Barnes, the former World Cup skipper, has resigned for Sydney City Slickers.



Murray Barnes

Murray put pen to paper a few days ago.

"We regard Murray as a very important member of our side and we are delighted he has now accepted terms for 1983," said Slickers secretary Paul Bayutti.

Former Pan Hellenic (Sydney) star midfielder George McCulloch must be wondering if he was born too soon. Overseas trips were non-existent when George was at the top 15 years ago... but his boy, Tom, regularly jets around the world these days as captain of Australia's Youth squad.

Ian Brusasco, long-serving administrator of the Queensland and Australian Soccer Federations, has decided life wasn't meant to be easy - for him.

Ian's two main loves are politics and sport but he's wondering if he chose the right direction.

"I could have been in the Liberal Party and in rugby union, he said. "Instead I chose Labor and soccer. I must be mad!"

Heidelberg United are determined to increase their firing power.

They are negotiating with Garry McDonald, a top class striker from Middlesbrough.

McDonald is twenty two years of age and accord-

ing to Morton has a tremendous nose for goals.

Morton is also negotiating with Michael Angus, of Sunderland, and is hopeful both players will join Heidelberg before the commencement of the championship.

Footscray midfielder Vlatko Belic may miss the remainder of the Ampol Cup.

According to club sources the upcoming youngster may have to undergo surgery for the correction of a minor leg complaint.

New Preston import Zarko Odzakovic arrived in Australia last Wednesday.

Odzakovic, a midfielder, was in Vardar Skopje's side playing in the Yugoslav first division up to six weeks ago.

Rale Rasic has turned his attention to sorting out the South Melbourne State League squad now that most of the problems in the National League side have been settled.

Players who have been immediately put on the transfer list include Duncan Cummings, Danny Davidson, Eddie Gray, Bill Jordanou and Gerry Bennett.

Cummings, who was at one stage training with the NSL side, has upset Rasic by taking off on holidays at very short notice. Hence the listing.

Davidson, a fullback, is back after a three-month lay off through medial ligament injury. He will be allowed to go for \$1000.

Gray has a similar amount on his head. He is training with Albion Rovers and will be allowed to move when the club comes up with the cash.

Jordanou is concentrating on his managerial position with AVCO Finance and cannot dedicate enough time for State League soccer.

Bennett has been the target of George Cross, Morwell and apparently Doveton. He has a maximum of \$5000 stipulated in his contract.

Gary Byrne is the big gun

CANBERRA

By Steve Burns

In soccer, or any team sport, fans have traditionally juxtaposed the truisms that not just does the whole team have to perform well but also the key players outstandingly well for the team to succeed.

In the case of Canberra Arrows one could number at least five players in that 'key' player mould.

And they must fire week after week for the Arrows to do well this year.

While views will differ strongly as to what constitutes a key player in a squad, my choice would have to be the two Byrnes, George Christopoulos.

Of course, also expect Steve Bryant, Duncan Cole and speedy winger Tony Brennan to play prominent roles.

All are experienced PSL performers.

I've deliberately left Gary Byrne's name on the list, for although transfer-listed at \$25,000, the Soccerroo will remain a Canberra player if no club snaps him up.

Cultured and composed, an in-form Gary Byrne would be a credit and a plus for any National League team in Australia.

Not only does he defend well, he reads a game superbly, distributes effectively and can chime into a crucial attack effectively.

Midfielders

The same can be said of the other midfielders or defenders on my list - Terry Byrne, Cole, Bryant and big Christopoulos.

What can one say about former ASW Player-of-the-Year winner Terry Byrne and big George Christopoulos?

Byrne, who played consistently and with distinction for Tung Sing in Hong Kong in the close-season and only recently returned from a holiday in the UK has for some time been one of the mainstays of the Canberra defence.

And he, like all others in this list, is an effective goalgetter.

So often he chimes into attacks and is particularly dangerous in the air.

The same can be said of Christopoulos.

He is young and strong and still one of the most talented midfielders in Australia.

It was not by accident that Australian coach Les Scheinflug included Christopoulos, Gary Byrne and Brennan in his 1983 training squad.

Christopoulos could hold his place in any Australian club team and it is my view that he rates a regular Australian squad berth.

Duncan Cole has already achieved that distinction for New Zealand and performed well in their World Cup campaign and doesn't return to Canberra until the end of February.



Gary Byrne

He is still a crucial member of John Adsheard's New Zealand squad.

I'm sure everyone will come to respect Englishman Bryant well before the 1983 season has ended.

He joined Canberra near the end of last season and showed enough for any appreciative judge to know that he is going to be a great asset.

Bryant, in his late 20s, is an experienced professional and reads the game expertly.

The role of speedy striker Brennan is crucial for the team.

In the close-season it appeared Brennan had a love-hate relationship with Canberra but certainly the fans didn't press for his retention after he was transfer-listed.

Off Brennan went to Hong Kong with Tung Sing, was ultimately retained by Canberra and is reported keen to prove himself in 1983.

An in-form Brennan can

be a delight to watch. Ask any defender the trouble he causes by his sheer aggressiveness and his natural strength and speed.

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STATE LEAGUE REPORTS

Draws of Leagues

DOCKERTY CUP

Preliminary round,
Saturday, February 12

Preston v Geelong
Fernree Gully v Moorabbin
Dandenong City v Sth
Oakleigh
Doncaster v Altona Gate
Bell Park v St Albans
Springvale City v Heidel-
berg Bundoora
Keilor v Eltham
Moreland v Werribee
Mooroolbark v Mornington
Heidelberg Utd v Altona
City
Royal Richmond v Ardeer

Byes: Caulfield, Sand-
ringham, Broadmeadows,
Waverley, Nunawading
City, Sunbury, Thomas-
town, Ringwood Utd,
Hawthorn, Hamlyn Ran-
gers, Melbourne,
Footscray, Brighton, Rich-
mond, Coburg, Yallourn,
Karingal, Kew Park Ran-
gers, Prahran, Knox City
and Rosanna.

Duration of games: 2 x
45 minutes, extra time 2 x
10 minutes (then penalties
if needed).

Kick-off: 2.45pm

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE CUP

Preliminary round,
Saturday, February 26

Moorabbin v Rosebur
Preston v Nth Dandenong
Melbourne v Keilor
Nunawading City v Ring-
wood Utd
Nth Geelong v Mornington
Bell Park v Richmond
Dandenong City v Waver-
ley City
Heidelberg Utd v
Hawthorn
St Albans v Keysborough
Moreland v Broad-
meadows
Geelong v Western
Suburbs
Karingal v Fernree Gully
Sth Oakleigh v Doncaster
Werribee v Knox City
Frankston Pines v Spring-
vale City
Ardeer v Footscray
Altona Gate v Altona City
Royal Richmond v Brighton
Thomastown v Greens-
borough
Hamlyn Rangers v
Sunbury

Byes: Eltham, Caulfield
City, Sandringham,
Mooroolbark, Kew Park
Rangers, Rosanna,
Coburg, Heidelberg Bun-
doora, Yallourn, Prahran,
Port Melbourne, and Es-
sendon City.

Duration of games: 2 x
45 minutes, extra time 2 x
10 minutes (then penalties
if required).

Kick-off: 2.45pm

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP

Preliminary round,
Saturday, February 26

Dallas City v Monash Uni
Melton v Diamond Valley
Parkmore v Mitcham Utd

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Brunswick City v Abbots-
ford
Sth Dandenong v Moss-
field
Sth Yarra v East Carlton
Yarraville v Malvern City
Clarinda Kooyong v
Kyneton
Geelong v Ballarat
Mordialloc-Clarinda v
Dingley
Clifton Hill v Central City
Bulleen v Pascoe Vale
East Brunswick v Burnley
Clayton v Hawksburn
Regent v Altona Utd
Boronia v Cranbourne
Holland Park v Berwick
City
Batman Utd v Hampton
Wanderers
Murrumbidgee v Chel-
tenham
Seaford v Langwarrin
West Brunswick v Port
United
Uni of Melb v Nunawading
Utd

Byes: Lyndale, Carlton,
Lalor, Springvale Utd,
West Geelong, Moe Utd,
Monbulk, West Melbourne,
Nth Sunshine, Acland Utd.

Duration of games: 2 x
45 minutes, extra time 2 x
10 minutes (then penalties
if required).

Kick-off: 3.00pm

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE (RESERVE) CUP

Preliminary round,
Saturday, February 26

Pascoe Vale v Clarinda
Kooyong
Uni of Melb v Clayton
Cranbourne v West Bruns-
wick
Brunswick City v Monash
Uni
Langwarrin v Lalor Utd
Holland Park v Parkmore
Altona Utd v Nunawading
Utd
Regent v Yarraville
Clifton Hill v Nth Sunshine
Carlton v Mossfield
Sth Yarra v Melton
Diamond Valley v Mitcham
Hawksburn v Burnley
Malvern City v East Bruns-
wick
Springvale Utd v Seaford
Boronia v Dallas City
Batman Utd v Bulleen
Central City v Lendale Utd

Byes: Sth Dandenong,
Monbulk, Mordialloc
Clarinda, Moe Utd, Ber-
wick City, Dingley, East
Carlton, Abbotsford Tassa,
Geelong Utd, Cheltenham,
West Geelong, Hampton
Wanderers, MacLeod Utd.

Duration of games: 2 x
45 minutes, extra time 2 x
10 minutes (then penalties
if required).

Kick-off: 1.00pm

AMATEUR LEAGUE CUP

Preliminary round,
Sunday, February 20

Waverley Utd v Southern
Cross
Bundoora v Balaclava
Maccabi Hakoah v
Kooyong Springvale

Concorde v Melbourne Uni
Sth Parkmore v Chadstone
Meadow Park v Balwyn
City
RMIT v West United
Ascot Utd v Postel Institute
Epping Thistle v En-
deavour Hills
Latrobe Uni v St Bernards

Byes: Westall, Vermont,
Nth Melbourne, Ascot Val-
ecity, Mulgrave, Phillip
Utd.

Duration of games: 2 x
45 minutes, extra time 2 x
10 minutes (then penalties
if required).

Kick-off: 3.00pm

AMATEUR LEAGUE (RESERVE) CUP

Preliminary round,
Sunday, February

Concorde v Mulgrave
Maccabi v Ascot Utd
St Bernard v Chadstone
Balwyn City v Balaclava
West Utd v Waverley Utd
Nth Melbourne v Kooyong
Springvale
Sth Parkmore v Epping
Thistle
Southern Cross v En-
deavour Hills
Westall v Vermont

Byes: Melbourne Uni,
Ascot Vale City, Bundoora,
RMIT, Postel Institute, Lat-
robe Uni, Phillip United.

Duration of games: 2 x
45 minutes, extra time 2 x
10 minutes (then penalties
if required).

Kick-off: 1.00pm

COACH HAPPY WITH SOCCEROOS

By Myles Hay

Australian coach Les
Scheinflug was happy with
the overall performance
of the Socceroos when they
cantered to a 3-0 win over
Newcastle KB United in front
of 3,000 spectators at the In-
ternational Sports Centre.

Fielding waht was like-
ly to be his first choice
eleven in the first half
Scheinflug introduced six
fresh players after the in-
terval including an entire-
ly new attacking trio.

Though Australia led by
only one goal at half-time
and with the advantage of
a stiff southerly wind,
there was much to admire
about the play of Phil
O'Connor, Peter Katholos
and the strong-running
David Mitchell.

Skipper John Kosmina
put Australia ahead after
only six minutes when he
decided the home de-
fence with a delicate
head glance.

Young Ralph Maier,
drafted into the side at
right-back in place of Neil

Endacott who has se-
cured a teaching position
in the Albury area, must
have wished he was back
in Costa Rica.

There couldn't have
been many O'Connors in
the teams of Israel or Cos-
ta Rica and the brilliant
forward created many
chances.

Newcomers to the KB
side Gary Watson and Pe-
ter Burke were steady
without being dominant
in central defence before
Watson for forced to leave
the field with a twisted
ankle at half time.

An "own goal" by
makeshift defender David
Jones put Australia two
goals up in the 53rd
minute and Mark Jan-
kovics completed the
scoring near the end.

Coach Scheinflug was
disappointed that clever
young Newcastle full-
back Howard Tredinnick
was unable to play be-
cause of an ankle injury
sustained in the trial
match against Belmont-
Swansea the previous
week.

Victoria

SINGLE SHOTS



John Yzendoorn

CLUB NEWS

By PETER DESIRA

New Green Gully signing
Steve Short is in a deter-
mined mood to prove he
has lost none of the skills
which earned him five
games for Victoria in 1979,
despite being forced out of
the game by Melbourne
Croatia through all of last
year.

"I've got something to
prove to myself and not to
anyone else," Short said.
"Croatia deliberately put
me out of the game and
refused at all times to give
me a reason why."

"They had the cheek to
ask me back but there was
no way I'd play there
again; after all a man has
got to have some princi-
ples."

"Let's just say I'm glad to
be playing again and look-
ing forward to a successful
season at Green Gully."

Short is unconcerned he
has to fill the vast gap
created by John Gardiner's
departure.

"I'll play anywhere the
coach tells me to play,
even up front if needs be."

In his three seasons at
Croatia between 1979 and
1981 Short captained the
side to a State League
championship, two Doc-
kerty Cup wins and tri-
umphs in the Ampol and
State League Cups.

He played 61 league
games for Croatia.

Short was originally re-
cruited to Australia by
Prahran Slavia in 1977
from English Northern Pre-
mier League club South
Liverpool. He scored three
goals in 27 league appear-
ances for that club filling
various roles ranging from
fullback to sweeper, and in
midfield.

Graham French, who at
one stage was being
sought by Melbourne
Croatia, has renewed his
contract at Juventus.

Frank Burin has re-
placed John Hodgson as
the Victorian Soccer Fed-
eration's second delegate
to the ASF. The first de-
legate remains chairman
Michael Weinstein who
was re-elected, along with
Vic Tuting, as vice presi-
dent at the ASF meeting
last week.

The VSF has come up
with sub-committees gal-
lure for the coming season.
Here is a rundown of all the
men in power. The State

team sub-committee com-
prises Arnold Langer,
Frank Burin and Stan
Slazyk. The tours commit-
tee is made up of Michael
Weinstein, Lou Straface
and John Hodgson. Prom-
otions and Publicity is in
the hands of Peter Collins,
Straface and Russell Lee.
Ampol Cup is under the
jurisdiction of Dizio,
Langer, Burin, Kurt DeFries
plus a national league
member. Finally the fix-
tures committee is Langer,
Dizio, Joe Whitaker, Hodg-
son, and Peter Crawley.

Juventus has a 21-man
squad training at the mo-
ment and officials have
predicted a fair bit of prun-
ing will go on before the
start of the season.

The club is determined
to make a serious bid for
the championship but has
another top aim for the
year, finally acquiring its
own block of land for de-
veloping into a home
ground.

The club has tendered
for land being allocated by
the Brunswick Council and
a decision is expected in a
month's time.

Heidelberg coach Ken
Morton is keen to sign a
striker to add to the squad.
But that doesn't mean he is
unhappy with what his two
strikers — and in particular
Gary Cole — are pro-
ducing.

"His finishing in the two
practice games we had in
Tasmania was good and I
don't totally blame him for
the misses he had in the
first two Ampol Cup games
— he is not getting the
service he requires," Mor-
ton said.

"I rate Gary very highly
and I'm sure he'll prove to
everybody he is the best
striker in Australia as the
season progresses," the
coach added.

RASIC PRAISE

By Con Nikolopoulos

Soccer followers in Vic-
toria are delighted with the
news of the advancement
of our Youth Team in the
finals of the World Cup, to
be played in Mexico in
June.

An extremely emotional
Rasic, was quick to con-
gratulate Scheinflug and
the members of the squad
for their achievement.

STATE LEAGUE REPORTS

BIG TEST FOR WHITE

Victoria takes on Queensland in the first State game of the season this Sunday and the match is shaping up as a crucial one for State coach Tim White.

White, who is first and foremost the VSF's State Director of Coaching, has had two defeats in as many games as State coach and Victoria's reputation as the top state team in Australia is fast slipping as a result.

White is aware of the need to get a good result after the two defeats but he is not unduly perturbed by the added pressure.

"I'm sure we'll put on a good spectacle for Queensland soccer followers. We'll go there to attack and we certainly can do that with players like Doug Brown, Charlie Egan, George Campbell, Jim Campbell and Steve Wooddin," he said.

"John Yzendoorn, who has only recently resolved his problems with Heidelberg, is still in the squad after proving his fitness to the coach in the Ampol Cup games against Morwell and Melbourne Croatia.

The player missed the first match against South

By Peter Desira

Melbourne due to a groin strain but it was more soreness through inactivity, rather than the old groin injury which sidelined him for most of the last year.

White has switched state training to Middle Park as Olympic Park is unavailable due to its heavy commitments to the Ampol Cup.

The State team has only trained four times together but White says it was impossible to organise more

get together because all the players except Ian Dobson of Croydon are involved in the Ampol Cup.

"At least they are getting plenty of match practice," White said.

Victoria and Queensland have met 15 times with seven wins going to Victoria and the rest going to Queensland.

The match is part of Queensland's centenary celebrations. The QSF is apparently also arranging a match against NSW in May.

Mike worried about NSL

Rising costs could put the National Soccer League offside this year.

This is the opinion of Michael Weinstein, vice-president of the ASF who was interviewed by Australian Soccer Weekly this week.

He said: "Due to constantly rising costs it is debatable if the NSL can survive in its present form."

Speaking as chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation, Weinstein said: "We in Victoria have an open mind and will, of course, co-operate together with the League and our national body should changes be needed in the structure of the league."

"We have to assess the situation calmly and in a businesslike way. How much does it cost and what are the returns for it? Can the same be achieved with less costs and better return?"

"This, in a nutshell in my opinion, is what the League should look for," he said.

Weinstein confirmed relationships between Victoria's four NSL clubs and the VSF were good.

"The VSF constitution allows everyone to stand for office and there are no restrictions for them," he said.

"The formation of the National League was a bold step and its seven years existence has raised the standard of the game considerably. The League must be recognised as the premier league in Australia," he said.

Regarding the ban on temporary visa players for lower division clubs in Victoria, he had this to say:

"It is the policy of the VSF that all clubs should have the right to the access of temporary visa players."

"I have done my job and put this case before our executive as well as I could because I also believe that the game needs them here in Victoria."

"However, my executive colleagues differ from our point of view and also sincerely believe that there should be a complete ban on all overseas players to enable our youngsters to make the grade in the top leagues."

"A decision was taken and the temporary visa players will slowly disappear in the next two years."

"Of course Victoria will fall into line and obey this ruling of the ASF because a significant majority of the States wanted it and the wishes of the majority must be respected."

"The whole thing is a dead issue now and won't be raised by me or Victoria again."

He said Victoria would give its full support to the Socceroos and our Youth team in their quests in the World Youth Championship and the World Cup.

"I'm confident our Socceroos will repeat what our youngsters have done in Costa Rica when they play off in the World Cup elimination rounds. The performance of our youngsters should be an inspiration to all in the senior team," he said.

"There is no reason why Australia shouldn't be in the two Cup finals — Youth and World Cup — particularly with the generous sponsorship of West Nally."

"I know money doesn't buy success but it certainly helps in this age of professionalism."

"The mere fact that we've obtained one-and-a-quarter million dollars shows that the standard of Australian soccer is being respected all over the world," he added.

Victoria

By Fred Villiers

fielder, arrived in Melbourne yesterday (Monday) to join Heidelberg United.

He is Ken Morton's latest signing to help boost the team for the forthcoming NSL season.

Morton hopes to have Vincent fit enough to play in the Ampol Cup semi-finals later this month.

Laurie stays

Laurie Boarotto, the 22-year-old Bulleen Veneto striker clubs were chasing early this year, appears to have decided to stay put.

Laurie scored almost 40 goals for his Provisional League club in their successful season when they were promoted to division one.

He had help from a new late-season signing, Don Sutherland, who also has been in demand. The target men combined well together for the club in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

The State League club bought the 19-year-old keeper for 1500 from Metropolitan League club Waverley City.

Last week he excelled for Croatia against South Melbourne when the teams finished with a 2-2 Ampol Cup draw.

While all this was going on, regular keeper Peter Blasby was sitting in the stand watching the play.

Fireworks

There was more action off the ground last week than there was on. Won't mention any names because of the embarrassment.

But one club committee man pulled a gun on his president as he was driving his BMW home because he didn't see eye to eye with him, and a few other State League club men were involved in a brawl after their State League match.

It appears they thought their club should have won the game. It also appears they know more about their

Summer Cup

Eltham hold their National Mutual Summer Cup at North Eltham ground, on Sunday, February 27, and it is certain to be another success.

Last year Greensborough took away the bulk of prizemoney but with Heidelberg taking part this year the competition is certain to be keener.

There are a few vacancies for clubs wishing to take part and anyone interested should contact Gordon Kirkwood, phone 342 5742 (business hours).

Refs wanted

Gordon Taylor, secretary of the Referees Federation western branch, is looking for people who would like to become referees.

A new course kicks-off on Tuesday, March 1, at Sunshine Heights Junior soccer club, Castley Reserve, Pellet Street, Sunshine.

The course takes nine weeks of two hours per night. Phone Taylor (744 2797) if you think you've got what it takes to be a whistlemans.

Invitation

Peter Swaine, formerly with George Cross and now coaching Melville Almania in Perth, has issued an invitation to any Victorian player or soccer enthusiast visiting Western Australia to look him up.

He says they receive little news in the West about the game in the eastern States.

Peter's phone numbers are: (09) 337 4411 business and (09) 341 2975 private.

'Bigamy' charge

The NSL will try to put an end to the tug-of-war over Victorian player Ken Murphy.

Both Preston and South Melbourne claim the player who, ultimately, may end up cooling his heels.

It seems that Murphy had first signed a registration card and a contract with Preston—but not a legal transfer sheet as the club's supply had run out.

Then Murphy changed his mind and signed all the three required documents with South Melbourne who appear to have promised him better terms.

If it's found that Murphy has knowingly signed for two clubs, he faces a fine, a suspension or both.

The situation is rather delicate for the NSL: South Melbourne is the club of its chairman, Sam Papasavas.

Duncan Cummings, the former Socceroo striker, who was dropped from South Melbourne's first team and had to settle last season for a spot in the club's State League side, may be on the move again.

Cummings made a name for himself as a junior with Melbourne before he went to the Greek-sponsored NSL club but he fell out with the powers that be and as a result saw far too many games from the bench.

Duncan has had a colorful career which has been influenced by his father who rarely misses a game in which his son plays.

Latest move for Duncan comes from Northcote City's manager-coach Tony Vrzina who says he would very much like the former wonder boy forward in his new set up at John Cain Stadium.

South Melbourne's State League club president, Jim Diamataris, says he's prepared to let Cummings go providing the price is right.



John Spanos in action against South Melbourne

New Striker

Heidelberg United's supremo, Ken Morton, won't be happy until he's found a super striker — one who can compete with Socceroo Gary Cole.

And he thinks he's found the right man in Peter Bodak, the 2-year-old Manchester United forward, who didn't make the first team this season.

Ken tells me Bodak played more than 100 games with Coventry before he joined United, and providing the pay is right he hopes to get him here as a guest player for six months.

If this fails, he has his eye on Gary McDonald, the 22-year-old striker with Middlesbrough. Either one would create keen competition between Cole and Jamie Paton in the Berbers' finishing department.

New Midfielder

Robert Vincent, the 21-year-old Sunderland mid-

bourne.

Biggest disappointment for Laurie was the absence of Sutherland in the side for the Italy Cup games which were so successfully organised by the Veneto Social Club in November. Don was suspended for one game during the last league match of the year and he had to sit out for the entire series because of a ridiculous rule formulated by the local Italy Cup committee.

Laurie has trained with Northcote and Juventus State League teams but it seems he has no desire to leave his friends at the Veneto.

Don too has trained with State League clubs Box Hill and Northcote but it's my guess he'll return to Bulleen and his striking mate Laurie for season 83.

Bargain Buy

New Melbourne Croatia goalie, Robert McRae, must be one of the best soccer bargains of all time.

team than their coach.

Ah well, it takes all kinds....

Frank Replies

Last week Green Gully committeeman Arnold Langer objected to the VSF Tribunal's decision to reduce playing-coach Johnny Gardiner's contract from \$5000 to \$3500.

Gardiner made an end-of-the-season move to Gully's hottest rival Melbourne Croatia. So far he hasn't kicked a ball for them although he's produced a fit and exciting side.

Croatia club man Frank Burin told ASW this week he can't understand why Gully are objecting to the price reduction.

According to Burin, his club has done more favors for Gully than Gully has for Croatia.

"We gave them Grant Smart for chickenfeed," he said. "The fee was \$2000. He played for them for two years and they sold him to Morwell for more money."

FALCONS QUIET

Morwell Falcons have shelved temporarily their interest in Green Gully midfielder Alan Bennett to deal with the more important situation in defence.

The club's two fullbacks Dave Neil and Grant Smart have disappeared in a matter of days and the back four looked horribly exposed in the match against Heidelberg. Neil flew out of Melbourne last week and will be allowed to join an Irish club when he re-settles there. Grant Smart is in Scotland on a six week holiday.

Doveton fullback Jim Train was signed on a free transfer as one of the replacements and the club tried to see out the Smart absence by using assistant coach Brian Darby at right back.

After the 0-2 defeat by Heidelberg however, coach Tony Boggi renewed his interest in South Melbourne's unsettled full-back Gerry Bennett.

The temporary visa vacancy created by Neil's departure has been filled by Jim McLean who played 38 matches for Brisbane Lions in the National League before joining Brisbane Olympic in May last year.

STATE LEAGUE REPORTS

CAMPBELL SHOULD STAR FOR HEIDELBERG

By Con Nikolopoulos

Jimmy Campbell, the elegant midfielder, Gary Cole, the goal-scoring machine, and Charlie Yankos, the vigilant guardian of the defense, must figure prominently in Morton's plans for the season.

Holders of key positions, the three should form the solid frame of a respectable side, capable of winning top honors.

An extremely subtle ball player, Campbell has led the Bergers to a lot of triumphs in the past, and it looks as though history will repeat itself this year.

He is quick and has tremendous vision. He is also a regular marksman and nobody takes greater joy in hammering the ball in the net than dynamite Jimmy.

Campbell's number one asset is his amazing pace over short distances. His relentless sprints upfield culminate in some incisive attacks, fruitfully exploited by Gary Cole and Jamie Paton.

TACTICAL

Devastating tactical brilliance is another aspect of his talent. Equipped with tremendous skills, Campbell applies them according to the circumstances on the field, either to attack or repel his opponents.

Due to his sharpness, he has often been used as a forward and has proved a very able finisher.

In a nutshell, Campbell is the versatile talent in Morton's line-up.

Charlie Yankos, the rugged center half, has accumulated enough experience from last year, to enable him to assume the commanding role of the libero.

Charlie is not the fine defender who captivates the crowd with his subtleties.

He is the solid, reliable defender who plays practical soccer, and has become the modest mastermind in the Heidelberg defense. His style resembles to that of our World Cup hero, Peter Wilson.

He has temperament, ball control, tackles solidly and attacks with the verve and tenacity of a class forward.

He is unbeatable on the ground and majestic in the air. His steel-made right foot has halted the advances of many opponents while his spectacular leaps have denied his opponents innumerable scoring opportunities.

PERSONALITY

He has a perfect understanding with Don McLeod and these two have produced some slick combination performances for their club.

Gary Cole, the blonde giant, has established himself as a personality in Australian soccer.

For almost a decade,



Gary Cole

Cole has been spearheading Heidelberg's forward line, and has figured prac-

tically in every achievement of his club.

His goalscoring rate, particularly in the years of national competition, has earned him the title of Australia's top goal scorer.

He is, also, the holder of the title of the top goalscorer at international level, after his excellent performance in the World Cup qualifying game against Fiji during which he netted seven goals.

Cole is known for his ex-

plosive bursts forward and powerful shot. These superb qualities, coupled with tremendous physical strength, have helped him carve a unique place in the history of the code.

His performance so far in the Ampol Cup, has been hindered by a nasty leg injury, a legacy from last year's championship.

He is confident, however, that he will overcome the problem and will fulfil his task of puncturing the nets of the opposing sides.

Melbourne Croatia keeper Peter Blasby has been ruled out for another four weeks with medial ligament problems. He was injured in a clash with reserve keeper Chris Kovac at training.

Monwell striker Tony Van Baar has given up the game temporarily after opening up a pizza parlor. He has told club officials he will wait two or three months before making a final decision.

Steve Potter has returned from a four-week holiday in England and brought news that Bob Latchford, Justin Fashanu and John Mahoney are all keen to come to Australia to play.

Potter, a former Swansea goalkeeper, met up with the trio following a game between Swansea and Notts County.

Latchford and Fashanu had guest stints here previously at Brisbane Lions and Adelaide City respectively.

Fashanu said he gave serious consideration to playing out here during the long-running clash with Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough before moving to County.

Mahoney is 35 but is still playing well enough to gain inclusion in the Welsh squad for a recent international.

Potter's holiday cost him his place in the Victorian State team and Preston's side for the Ampol Cup.

Westad may be depleted

By Tom McKain

West Adelaide coach Alan Vest will be counting on two reserves for a vital win tomorrow night in the Ampol Cup match against Polonia.

For starters he is without Soccerroo goalkeeper Martyn Crook, preparing to play New Zealand, and winger Graham Heys was on the "very doubtful" list when we went to press.

Polonia could field a new import if he arrives from Poland in time, and he will be needed after last week's 0-0 draw with Croatia.

West is expected to bring in young John Panagis for Heys, with Paul Wormley and Wally Bojczuk remaining as the other two front-runners.

But the pressure will be on 18-year-old Frank Boetel, who has been waiting in Crook's shadow.

Apart from his two enforced changes, Vest looks certain to replace right back Tom Totsikas with Ian McGregor, who had not signed a new contract in time for the opening round.

And Graham Honeyman could lose his midfield spot to Stewart Blair, who had employment commitments last time out.

Blair, like Bojczuk, was signed from Azzurri, and is regarded as one of Vest's key signings for the 1983 NSL season.

Campbelltown, slaughtered 4-1 by Azzurri on opening night, could get back in the hunt in tomorrow night's early match when they take on Beograd.

The latter have been torn to pieces for the night series with the loss of Garrie Dooley to Polonia. Norman Lees tipped to join Enfield Victoria, Chris Harwood refusing to play in the night series and keeper George Flecknor heading for Salisbury.

Coach Zoran Maric has been forced to rely on reserves, and they were hammered 4-0 by Adelaide City last week.

While the scoreline looks deadly, Beograd did play some attractive soccer — but even a penalty failed to bring a goal when City's Willie McNally stopped Col Evans' spot kick 10 minutes before half time with the score 1-0 for City.

Les Carter then Sergio Melta netted for City and in the second half Melta scored again along with 17-year-old striker Steve Maxwell.

Maxwell was one of the new signings fielded by coach Bobby Ferguson, who had midfielder Brian Northcote out injured and another new boy, Joe Mulen, also sidelined.

Jimmy Wright, signed from West Adelaide, went into the attack on the right wing, and along with Maxwell gave central striker Les Carter plenty of service.

With Neil Banfield and Neville Flounders still to re-

turn from England as the centre back combine, Ferguson can look for more improvement.

The situation in City's section of the competition, Group B, is that City and Azzurri are top with two points each, and four goals for, with none against.

In Group B it's West and Para Hills sharing top spot with one point each and one goal each, while Polonia and Croatia share with no points and no goals.

Polonia coach Dave Jenkins had his men well drilled in the offside trap which was sprung 13 times against Croatia — 10 in the first half.

And it was Croatia goalkeeper Gary Sproul who eventually emerged as the hero.

He saved what looked like two certain goals, one from Glen Durrant and the other from Zeljko Blagojevic.

However, Croatia coach Jack Braidwood must have been pleased with the way his team attacked, and the way his front runners Paul Blute and Steve Caggiano were willing to go for goals — although their accuracy would be improved.

All the Second Round Details

CROATIA Sproul, Hutchins, Maric, Herd, Paleka, Lessan, Ilicic (Bartolic 58min), Marwe (Flounders 68min), Caggiano, Blute, Rerich.

POLONIA Jacques, M. Kosmina, Durrant, Papadopoulos (Kosz 58min), Kierno, Piwanski, Timar (Prismontaitis 68min), Di Bartolo, Blagojevic, Kolecik, Dooley.

Referee: J. Rossis

Adelaide City v Beograd 4-0 (2-0)

CITY McNally, Shillabeer, B. Nyskohus, Miller, Dods, Melta, Carter, Maxwell (Rankin 57min), J. Nyskohus, Wright (Villani 57min), Manou.

BEograd Atkins, Hood, Barisic, Kalinovic, Urukalo, Santrac, Klitzman, Welsh, Arezina (Greaves 64min), Evans (Mrkela 46min), Signore.

Goals: Carter (5min), Melta (33 and 63 min), Maxwell (36min).

Referee: J. Miller. Crowd: 1,675. Double header.

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AMPOL CUP REPLAYS ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15 AT MARCONI STADIUM

6.45 PM SYDNEY CITY Vs SUTHERLAND

8.25 PM CROATIA Vs MELITA

Les sticks to tried and true

National coach Les Scheinflug on Sunday announced his 16-man touring party to travel to New Zealand for the 'revenge' match against the Kiwis on February 22.

The current squad is expected to be the foundation for Australia's team for the 1986 campaign.

"It is the strongest squad I could select," he said. "We have no injury worries and all players that I wanted have been able to join the squad."

Not the least fascinating aspect is the inclusion of the NSW State League players ahead of the more fancied claims of at least a dozen National League players.

Philips League cellar dwellers, Canberra City, together with NSW State League team Blacktown City, both provide two players for the squad.

The coming match in Auckland will be followed by

a return encounter in Melbourne on February 27.

While critics have their own views on which players possibly should have been included or dropped from Scheinflug's 16-man party, no one would be game to challenge a coach who seems to have a "Midas touch".

Since taking over the national team at senior and junior levels Scheinflug has done no wrong, gaining spectacular successes with the Youth team in Costa Rica and Port Moresby in World Youth Cup qualifying matches and in Acapulco in an invitation tournament.

He also led the senior team to victory in Singapore late last year in the inaugural Merlion Cup beating arch rivals South Korea 3-2 in the final.

Nine of the 16-man squad are from Sydney clubs, reflecting the dominance once again of Sydney in Australian soccer.

Two Melbourne and two Canberra players are joined by one each from Adelaide, Brisbane and Wollongong.

Newcastle is the only National Soccer League centre without a representative in the squad.

The full squad is: Goalkeepers: Martyn Crook (West Adelaide), Bruce James (Blacktown City); Defenders: Alan Niven (Brisbane Lions), Alan Davidson (South Melbourne), David Ratcliffe (St George), Steve Blair (South Melbourne), Tony Henderson (Marconi), Robert Wheatley (Blacktown City); Midfield: Peter Katholos, Peter Raskopoulos (both Sydney Olympic), George Christopoulos, Gary Byrne (both Canberra City); Strikers: John Kosmina, David Mitchell (both Sydney City), Phil O'Connor (Wollongong), Marshall Soper (Sydney Olympic).

NEWCASTLE

New set-up for ACT

By Steve Burns

In a remarkable breakthrough, all of the top country clubs in the former NSW Southern League will play in a completely new ACT Soccer Federation-administered division in 1983.

Confirming this, ACTSF officials said the ACT would now be divided into two competitions — a country competition and a city competition.

Both will be strong and viable.

And the New South Wales Soccer Federation has given formal approval for the NSW clubs to play in Canberra pending reconsideration of their long-term future during the course of the 1983 season.

Local administrators have welcomed the move enthusiastically.

It is possible that sponsorship promised the former South League by Attack sportswear in Albury could still be forthcoming to offset traveling expenses.

The new country division will comprise eight clubs and the city competition seven.

They are (country competition) — Albury, Hanwood, Yogoali, Downer-Olympic, Belconnen United, West Woden Juventus, Weston Creek and Croatia Deakin.

City competition: Australian National University, Concordia Philip, Queanbeyan City, Luso, Kambah United and Narrabundah.

Both will continue to play on Sundays and with the Canberra Arrows now playing their initial game and perhaps all of their games, on Saturdays — direct competition has been removed.

The other news is that all of the country competition clubs will also field sides in Canberra's Under-23 competition while the remainder of teams necessary to make up the Under-13 Youth League will come from ACT junior clubs with teams in that age group who at present do not compete in the Football League.

This will mean the country clubs have only to field two rather than three teams and that the Under-18 Youth League becomes a wholly Canberra-based competition.

But the whole development is fantastic news for soccer in Canberra and Southern New South Wales. For once a workable and logical compromise has been reached.

AIS poised for national role

By Steve Burns

The Australian Institute of Sport could field an Under-23 team bristling with talent in the National Soccer League in 1984.

Confirming this for ASW exclusively, AIS's chief soccer coach, Jimmy Shoulder, said he had submitted formal applications for Federal Government funds to cover the additional expenditure.

"From initial discussions with Australian Soccer Federation and NSL officials the response has been most favourable," Shoulder said.

"It is not something I have just plucked out of the air."

"Before I prepared budgets and made formal submissions I talked to a great many people whose knowledge of Australian soccer I respect."

"The second team would be only the culmination of what a soccer presence at the Institute was all about — a permanent home for the best squads in Australia."

"I know it doesn't include the full senior international squad. Neither can it — or should it. They should play in club soccer in the best competition in the land."

"People should be able to regularly see their talents and their talents should, hopefully, be spread around as many clubs as possible."

Shoulder said he was confident that funds would be forthcoming to enable the Under-23 team to be edged at AIS.

Facilities

"After all," he added, "by 1984 the Institute will have some of the best, permanent soccer training facilities in the world."

"That is no exaggeration. In addition to the magnificent National Indoor Sports Centre, by 1984 soccer will also have:

- Its own fully equipped training hall with a permanent training surface as well as lecture and changing rooms.

- A separate, synthetically-covered, all-weather outdoor training pitch — and a full-sized one at that.

- Access to a separate grassed training pitch.

Shoulder said he had spoken to the national coach and club coaches about the idea.

"They favor it," he said. "It transcends the interests of individual clubs."

"But it gives Australian soccer a permanent home for its best youngsters."

And remember that nine of the present Australian Youth Squad who so magnificently battled their way to the finals of the World Youth Cup have passed through the Institute.

"Many of those will still remain with the Institute this year."

"The creation of an AIS Under-23 team is only the next logically progressive step."

"The boys who start here at 18 or 17 years of age will

an Under-23 AIS team in the NSL was nothing like that faced by participating club sides.

Scholarships

Players would each be on scholarships, although scholarships for Under-23



Jimmy Shoulder — producing talent in Canberra

stay until they are 22 and then they will be available to club soccer."

No lies

But what of the resistance of clubs who may already have them under contract before they reach AIS?

"Not a significant problem," Shoulder said, "as only 20 per cent — perhaps less — of those who have to date passed through the Institute have ever been contracted club players."

"That's best for all concerned. We will find the boys and we will discuss the intake fully with the national coach."

"After all is said and done boys up to 22 who have had international experience in youth soccer and then NSL soccer should be ready for the opportunity of full international honors."

"Many of them would have staked a strong claim to places."

"In this way soccer has a base to build from — a base that includes a strong nucleus of players who know each other's abilities instinctively."

"This has to be so as success in international youth cups and full international games will only get harder — not easier," Shoulder said.

He also stressed that the budget for the provision of

cello Salvo (all until last week in Costa Rica), Michael Barnett, Craig McLatchey, John Mihailidis, Ian Fergusson, Mark Boyd and Ray Junna.

Injury hits top striker

By Myles Hay

The North's most lethal goal striker Paul Queenan is out of action with a torn ligament and there are doubts whether he will be fit to lead the Belmont Swansea attack when the Northern NSW competition gets under way late next month.

Coach Alan Johns, who has a long association with the Belswans was a trifle despondent over Queenan's unfortunate mishap in training, saying that the ace goalgetter had been in training since early December and looked even sharper than last season when he troubled opposing defences.

Belmont Swansea gave Newcastle KB United a tough game going down 2-0, one of KB's goals coming from the penalty spot.

Belmont Swansea have former KB defender Trevor Smyth in their lineup together with ex-Croatia player Greg Smith.

Two new players are former Dudley and Highfield Azzurri performers Ken Standen and Peter Dobbins.

Dobbins was one of the North's most exciting young prospects a few seasons ago before slipping from top grade, but he has shown a new lease of life in training and should team up well with Queenan and Tony Coleman.

Ceiron Doyle, who spent most of last season on the sidelines with cartilage trouble has broken down at training and his future is clouded and Belmont Swansea have cast their net for versatile Maitland player Mick Boot.

Coach Johns is happy with the promising youngsters he has secured and in a recent match against Newcastle KB's Youth Side, he fielded three 15-year-olds who revelled in the conditions of the well-grassed International Sports Centre to force a 1-1 draw.

BOOST FOR SA YOUTH

By Tom McKain

South Australian youngsters are already preparing to become Youth Soccerers in 1985.

Twenty-four boys have been admitted to the SA Sports Institute thanks to the persuasive powers of State coaching director Mike Wells.

Unlike the Sports Institute in Canberra, the SA players can remain with their clubs.

Wells drew up a special coaching development program and the young players attend sessions at Flinders University where Wells is assisted by West Adelaide coach Alan Vest and former Adelaide City coach John Perrin.

There are three other coaches who can be called on — Andy Bettel, of Stuart who is also a physical education teacher, Nick Bojanic, Beograd's assistant coach who is a specialist with goalkeepers, and John Evans, Cumberland's youth team coach.

National coach Les Scheinflug is delighted with the initiative shown by SA in setting up the venture.

He has told Wells he would follow the progress of the new breed of players, and hopes to visit Adelaide to work with the youngsters.

The youngsters have been working twice a week with their coaches since

Christmas, and spent a week in camp at Flinders University acting as 'guinea pigs' during a coaching course.

They will take off at Easter for a series of games in country areas then return to their clubs and continue weekly sessions at the Institute.

It is hoped that several of the group will land places in the State Youth side for the National Youth Championship in May.

A number of the players are young enough to play for the State also at under 16 level, at the end of the season.

Wells regards the venture as one of the most challenging to date.

"In recent years the SA Soccer Federation has established a number of coaching initiatives, which are the envy of our sister States, but they have been confined largely to coaching coaches," he said.

"Now we are in a unique position of being able to help players at their most vital stage of development."

The scholarships are going to players who have been carefully selected not only for their potential, but equally because they shown the right attitude and determination to succeed.

"Much will depend on how the players respond and how much they are prepared to give, when it comes to considering a second term under the scholarship plan," said Wells.

Country titles would help

By Victorian junior coach Fred Brooks

During the close season I travelled to the far north of Queensland, and when you go to these parts of Australia you realise how fast soccer is growing.

From Townsville right through to Cairns you see goalposts and signs directing you to soccer grounds.

While in Cairns, there were stories in the Press on Frank Farina who was with Australia's youth squad in Costa Rica.

As a coach, and one who is interested in juniors, especially in country centres, I thought what a great boost to our junior players in the country if we could hold a national country championship at various age levels.

This would give junior country players a chance to represent their State.

With this incentive the standard would rise in coaching and playing ability. This would also give an opportunity for older age

groups to be seen by the National Institute of Sport staff to see if there were players capable of selection for training with that body.

Administrators in the game will argue that such a concept is not feasible. But when you look at the country centres that have staged national championships, it is more than feasible.

In the past few years, national championships have been staged at Mt Isa (Queensland), LaTrobe Valley (Victoria), Whyalla (South Australia) and Newcastle (New South Wales).

I'm certain this type of competition would help bring our country centres much more into the fold.

If country centres in each State got together, this proposal would get off the ground — and what a lift it would give soccer in areas where other football codes appear to have failed.

EPHING BOYS HIGH IN BANK CUP

It will not be that long until the big Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup is under way again.

There is no bigger schoolboy tournament in Australia.

Our picture this week shows the Epping Boys High School team.

Front row from left: M. Richardson, R. Sanland, M. Bailey (captain), W. Craig, S. Roots, G. Wing (coach). Back row: A. Barons, M. Jones, S. Bailey, P. Taplin, P. Healy, J. Eagleson, J. Russell, J.

Walklate. Absent: J. Pritchard, S. McNish, P. Austen.

Epping Boys High School was looking to outstanding results in this year's Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup, but they were bundled out of the quarter-finals by Raymond Terrace 2-0 under wet and windy conditions at Macquarie Field. The 1,000 crowd was excellent under the circumstances. It was, however, the best result that Epping has so far achieved in the series.

NEW TREASURER FOR KU-RING-GAI

Max Garnsey from Hornsby Heights Soccer Club is the new treasurer of the Ku-ring-gai District Soccer Association.

Another Hornsby-ite, Jim Flint, is again the president. Bob Davis of Wahroonga is senior vice-president and Rod Woods from Kissing Point is secretary for his sixth term.

Don Flint, the publicity officer, is one phone no. 48 2445 and is keen to direct interested players to local clubs.

The Association has had a 45 per cent increase in team numbers of the last five years.

In 1982 some 43 clubs fielded 640 teams in all grades. No less than 7034 players were registered — clear proof of the tremendous popularity of soccer as a sport on Sydney's North Shore.

Macarthur starts big

The new Macarthur District Football Association will have its own headquarters and licensed club when it kicks off for the first time in early April.

The Association, centred on the satellite city of Campbelltown on Sydney's southern outskirts, has reached agreement with the Campbelltown RSL Bowling Club Ltd.

The licensed club will change its name to Macarthur District Soccer Football Association and Sports Club Ltd.

The property is situated in Riverside Drive in the adjacent suburb of Airds.

Included in the deal is the club itself, an area for a soccer complex comprising four playing fields, and two bowling greens.

K. Gilmour

South Australia's SUCCESS

South Australia's under 14 team last year won the Australian title for the first time. The boys won their eight games with a magnificent effort that pleased team manager B. Longshaw. The squad was outfitted in jeans and tops by the Levi Strauss company.

KEITH GILMOUR'S JUNIOR SCENE

Amateurs upset over Fed. demands

By Keith Gilmour

A complete blow-up between the NSW Soccer Federation and the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation was narrowly averted at the Amateurs' annual meeting at Mortdale on Saturday.

Wiser counsel prevailed after long discussions over the proposed unpopular Parklea ground levy, with the present voting rights of three in a total of 111 in the State Federation as the other main issue.

As far as the Amateurs are concerned the 25c a head levy with \$25,000 involved, is unacceptable.

The 25c might not sound much, but it would result in a hike of the team fee payable for administration from the present \$7.50 to \$11 per team apart from all local club and association dues.

The Amateurs executive was instructed to seek a meeting with the NSW Federation executive to discuss matters of mutual interest.

So the door has been left open, but can the Federation people at last establish rapport with the Amateurs in view of past failures?

The NSW executive members who attended the meeting would be entitled to feel that some of the Amateur delegates' questions did not shed much light on the Parkies question.

But they would be ill-advised to accept this as the entire position and bite the bullet on the matter of affiliation, and conduct of the NSW Youth League.

The Amateurs simply will not wear the three votes in 111 position, with no-one

on the NSW Executive.

Senior Amateur officials Terry Coates, Bob Maudsley and John Davies were amongst those who spelt 'hal' out.

Simply stated, it is the old story of no taxation without representation.

Just as the senior clubs had to fight to get the delayed increase from five to seven place increase on the NSW executive, the Amateurs will not lie down.

They don't control spectator football, but they do administer about 95 per cent of the playing strength of NSW soccer.

Without question the Amateurs are the best people to keep handling their own affairs, free from undue influence.

NSW vice president Ken Ferguson clearly indicated that a 50:50 vote for Amateurs on their Executive would not be acceptable as the Federation was developing a \$15 million property at Parklea. Also it would not pass as a constitutional alteration.

He spoke of the possibility of two or three amateurs on the executive, and said that the Amateurs could seek the support of the district clubs in the Federation with their five votes each to further their position.

He also claimed that the present three votes were of value. This could, of course, only apply in a tight vote.

Fred Bones said that the main issues could be resolved quickly. They have to be, but it will not be quite that easy.

Amateur delegates are not unaware of the recent attitude of the NSW Federation Executive towards them.

President Kare Rodny wrote in the 1981 annual report: 'In my view the New South Wales Soccer Federation will have to take a new look at affiliation fees from the amateurs and juniors. Eventually we may approach the matter as it's approached in Victoria, where a one dollar levy is placed on every registered amateur player.'

How could he be unaware of what treasures in juniors and amateurs the National League and State League clubs receive at no cost from the NSW Amateurs compared with the argey undereyed Victorian position?

The 25c a head represents \$25,000 on to a \$55,000 annual budget. The \$25,000 would compare in total with the \$30,000 (\$6.50 capitation fee) on NSW Federation players.

The compromise could be no levy for 1983 as amateur club fees have already been established for the coming season. A 10c-15c fee could apply in 1984.

The country would have to wear this although the benefits to them would be needed.

But there is little chance of anything applying unless the NSW Federation moves quickly to make a fair and firm offer on representation in both the executive and council.

GALA DAY FUN AFTER THE MATCH



Who says soccer isn't a lot of fun for the little ones? At least these young fellows are pulling their weight, even though they have knocked off playing football to indulge in a 'friendly' tug-o-war at a club Gala Day.



Many U15 Youth team has three players in the NSW U15 team — Ross Etherington, Wayne Pierce and Nick Conradi. The players are, from left: Back row: M. Stokes, R. Curilli, R. Etherington, R. Wandl, N. Conradi, M. Simerosi, S. Cleary. Front row: O. Gonzales, K. Conna, C. Bergman, A. Strudwick, S. Green, W. Pierce, S. Crabb. Coach is J. Loughran and manager R. Gonzales.

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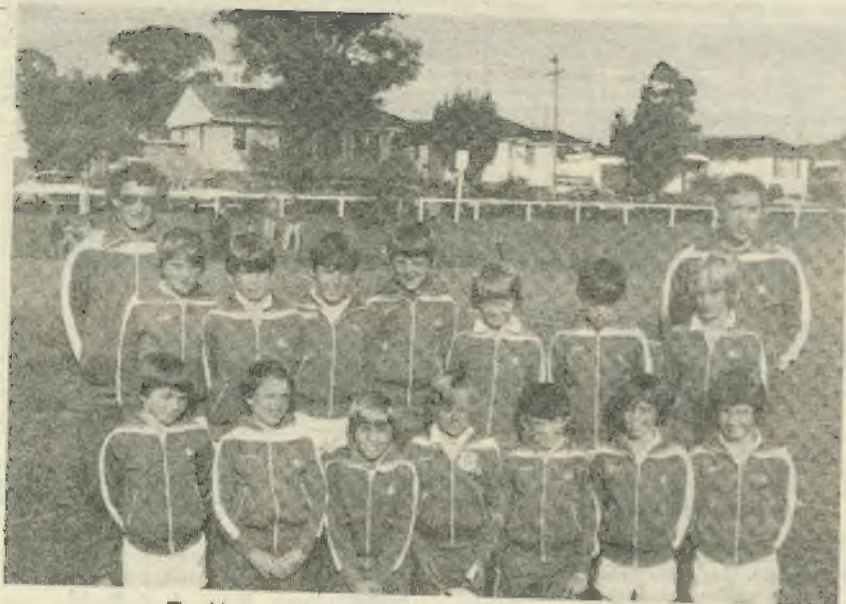
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The Nepean Under 11 Representative Teams 1982.

AMONG THE GIRLS

—with Don Balmain

Mrs Elaine Watson, President of the Australian Women's Soccer Association, outlined the 1983 season plans recently.

The year is shaping up to be tremendously exciting involving a three-test series against the Women's Island Soccer Association (Hawaii) in March, followed by the National Under-15 titles in Canberra in July, Open National Championships in Perth in August/September and then the inaugural Oceania Women's Cup in Fiji in September.

Mrs Watson said the busy schedule had been caused by the attempt to rationalise the AWSA's program to accommodate tours in March.

This would allow the financial contributions by team members to be calculated after the Government funding was known in September.

Mrs Watson said that they had to experiment with a pre-season tour for 1983 due to the notification of grants in late September.

Difficulties encountered included having to schedule departures for September-October and having to name an Australian team at the nationals for a tour some four to six weeks later.

Even when the newly formed Oceania Women's Soccer Confederation introduced the Oceania Cup for September, it was decided to keep faith with the players chosen last year and have these team members make the visit to Hawaii.

In future years, the Oceania competition would be the regular international goal, Mrs Watson said.

In the long run, a yearly competition of at least six national associations would bring stability to the Australian overseas program. This would also provide the maximum experience for representative players at a reasonable outlay.

As the carnival would be a firm commitment each year, the Association would not have to worry about the whims exhibited by many overseas associations who think nothing about cancelling or postponing invitations at a moment's notice.

It will also enable the AWSA to apply well in advance to the Government for grants.

On top of their already heavy administrative commitments, State leaders will have an expanded workload due to the introduc-

tion of a Management Committee meeting in Sydney each January. Previously the national titles venue was the only full forum available to members.

The first of these meetings has just been held and the response from the States was enthusiastic.

The wider input and the prompt dissemination of information, views and proposed activities proved so beneficial to both State and national executives, that they were unanimous on their continuation.

The most pressing need facing the AWSA, said Mrs Watson, is the employment of a full-time coaching director. A draft proposal has been put to the States and estimates of the benefits expected to flow from such an appointment will be formulated over the next few months.

If the slowly awakening interest of the media continues to produce quality sporting publicity with the minimum of "powder-puff" articles, it should make the question of sponsorship a reality instead of a dream.

Mrs Watson said world recognition is just around the corner so the ground-work and perseverance of the past few years is finally paying off.

RAAF TOPS IN SERVICES SOCCER

The RAAF has retained the Inter-Service soccer championship with convincing wins over Army and Navy in the competition played at Ingleburn Army Camp.

WOFF Alan Loynes, the RAAF team manager, was delighted to see his players defeat the Army 3-1 and the Navy 5-0. In the other game the Army accounted for the Navy 3-1.

KEITH GILMOUR'S JUNIOR SCENE



The 1982 RAAF NSW Inter-Service soccer squad — back row, from left: Dick Coutler (coach), John Harris, Mark Keirnan, Greg Edmunds, Archie Smyth, Ian Sheppard, Ian Greig, Dave Johnson, Chris Fernandez, Jock Lawrie, Ross Gray, (strapper) and Alan Loynes (manager). Front row: Peter Martyn, Neil Jones, Alfie Hitchcock, Paul Rhodes, (capt), Andy Campbell, Ken Melse, Ian Linton, Jim Pritchard and Alan Foord.

GLADESVILLE GIRLS TOPS

The Gladesville-Hornsby Women's Football Association are the proud holders of the New Caledonian-South Pacific Cup.

They won the international tournament in Noumea last October.

Leigh Wardell reinforced her fine reputation as a scorer by collecting all seven goals.

Well-known coach Lal Byers had every reason to be pleased with his girls' display in hot and humid conditions.

Gladesville-Hornsby conducts senior, under 12, 14 and 16 competitions. Information on this year's competitions and clubs is available from Lay Byers tel. 868 2541 or Sharon Read on 888 5760.



The Inter-Services Soccer Trophy is presented to RAAF captain Paul Rhodes. In centre is Squadron-Leader H. Igras, OIC of Inter-Services Soccer.

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Coppell to face axe

Bobby Robson could be facing the most agonising decision of his reign as England manager when he pieces together the jigsaw of players necessary to stand a chance of winning the European Championship Finals in France next year.

His problem concerns the future of one of England's most consistent and experienced forwards, and the part, if any, he will play in England's anticipated appearance in the cross-Channel Finals.

The nightmare decision Robson could be forced to make is to axe Steve Coppell, an England regular for more than five years and one of the finest wingers since the war.

The England boss privately agonises over the recurring injury problems that threaten Coppell's future at the highest level.

No player can survive in international football unless he is 100 per cent fit. Coppell, for many months, has been less than that, though he started the new year feeling better than he had done since the start of the season.

Any thought of dropping the brilliant Manchester United winger would have been unspeakable a year ago. Coppell, who had an operation last summer on a damaged cartilage, remains a certainty for selection, but for how much longer?

Robson fears that all the medical treatment that Coppell has received in the past year, and his absence from United's training ground because of injury, is beginning to blunt the burning pace that has destroyed many an opposing left-back.

After England's nine-goal blitz against Luxembourg, in which Coppell starred before being withdrawn in the second-half, Robson said pointedly: "I think Steve has lost a yard of pace because of his injury problems."

"When you miss training as he has done, it will eventually reflect in your play. To me, he is a player playing with a knee injury, and a courageous one at that."

"Considering his problems, he has done well to play as he has."

The England boss became extremely anxious about Coppell's knee condition when the United man reported for international duty with the rest of the squad bound for Greece in the European Championship qualifier in Salonika, and again against Luxembourg.

At the last moment he pulled him out of the Greece game and sent him instead to see the Cam-

bridge surgeon who operated on him last summer.

But if the England boss has to remain level-headed over the future of one of his country's most successful players, Coppell has no intention of crawling into an early international grave.

His goal at Old Trafford that helped sink Aston Villa was timely as well as spectacular, little wonder that Coppell considered it the

best of his career.

It was the little winger's way of showing 42,000 fans that his injury troubles might not be as serious as Robson and the England coaches fear.

But Robson may need some convincing before he picks Coppell for the ultimate test to his early England reign in France next year.

— From SHOOT, London.



Steve Coppell: sudden end to a brilliant career?

Goulash corruption

A Hungarian footballer has said in an interview with an official newspaper that his first division team won the League championship two years ago partly by rigging the matches.



Jozsef Toth, captain of Ujpest, charged with having been bribed.

Robert Koch of Ferencvaros said in an interview with the young communist league weekly "Magyar Ifjúság" that one of the rigged matches was against Ujpest, a club sponsored

by the Police and Public Administration Ferencvaros won 2-0 away.

Hungarian dailies last week said police had detained 26 men accused of making a small fortune from the national Pools, which are based on the results of matches.

Koch also told the newspaper that player Gabor Poloskei was assaulted after a game against Csepel did not produce the pre-arranged score.

Magyar Ifjúság quoted Ferencvaros official Mikaly Havasi as saying: "I wish the state of the game was fairer. Sometimes I dream it is, but then I wake up to reality and go about my business."

But in a television interview, Ferencvaros chairman Laszlo Kiss said his club did not have enough money to pride players.

Ban on tour

FIFA has banned a tour of South Africa by English glamour clubs, Manchester United and Liverpool.

The teams — currently first and second in the first division — had been guaranteed \$400,000 each to play each other in exhibition matches in South Africa.

But, since that country is out of FIFA and sporting contacts with it are barred, it is no surprise that the tour has been called off.

Liverpool will now make a short tour of Israel while Manchester United could re-open talks with New Zealand for a Kiwi tour.

KIWI COACH QUILTS

By David Jack

John Adshead has resigned as coach of New Zealand's national team.

The resignation was broadcast over all radio stations in NZ yesterday.

Adshead steered the Kiwis to the finals of the World Cup last year — eliminating Australia on the way.

Since then, Australia has put its house in order while New Zealand has probably slipped slightly.

The new Kiwi boss is Kevin Fallon, who has been assistant-coach to Adshead for the past two years.

On Saturday, the Australian squad will fly from Sydney to Auckland, anxious to give Kevin Fallon an uncomfortable debut as Kiwi national coach.

Adshead had written earlier to the NZ Football Association offering to resign when his contract expires in September.

Instead, the F.A. announced the resignation would take effect immediately.

Adshead said he was disappointed and upset that the resignation was accepted so speedily.

Brazil the tip

Brazil is rapidly firming into favoritism as the host of the 1986 World Cup.

The African Confederation has announced that all their members will support Brazil's application.

They have been joined by the South American Confederation whose president, Teofilo Salinas, has made a similar pledge.

England tops in Europe

ACCORDING to a League table based on matches played during 1982, England are European Team of the Year and World Champions Italy are 14th.

That's the result of the annual survey conducted by Italian sports paper *Gazzetta dello Sport*, and it still seems amazing that the only matches won by Italy during the whole of 1982 were the four that catapulted them to World Cup glory in Spain.

Neither Scotland nor Northern Ireland make the top 14, and there are one or two surprises in the top placings, as you can see:

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1 England	15	10	4	1	24	1.6
2 Austria	11	8	1	2	17	1.55
3 USSR	11	6	4	1	16	1.45
4 Switzerland	9	5	2	2	12	1.33
5 Poland	10	5	3	2	13	1.3
6 Belgium	11	6	2	3	14	1.27
7 W Germany	15	7	4	4	18	1.2
8 Spain	10	4	4	2	12	1.2
9 Portugal	7	3	0	2	6	1.2
10 Wales	7	3	2	2	8	1.14
11 France	15	7	3	5	17	1.13
12 Rumania	15	7	3	5	17	1.13
13 E Germany	10	4	3	3	11	1.1
14 Italy	13	4	6	3	14	1.06

Softly — softly for "riot clubs"

Derby County and Leeds United escaped with severe warnings today as The Football Association took a softly-softly line towards the recent riots at the Baseball Ground in Derby.

Announcing the "punishments" from last week's guilty verdicts, F.A. Chairman Bert Millichip repeated football's plea for government action on hooliganism.

A three-man commission cleared Derby and Chelsea following the riots two weeks ago, and then announced lenient punishments for Leeds and Derby.

Millichip said: "We have not fined Derby and Leeds, as in each case we had taken into consideration their rather serious financial situations."

"However, I think if another case cropped up involving other clubs, we might take a different attitude."

Chelsea, whose fans ripped out nearly 200 seats, escaped censure.

Leeds, whose supporters did almost as much damage the week before, were given a severe warning, and were recom-

mended to exercise stricter control over their travelling fans and carry out an "in-depth" investigation into the club's special problems.

But Derby, who suffered

the financial ravage of riots at their ground, have been penalised by the F.A. and ordered to effect structural alterations to guarantee the segregation of visiting fans

Soon it's Ciao, Rossi



Paolo Rossi — a fallen star?

Paolo Rossi, hero of the 1982 World Cup, is out of grace.

Since the heady days of Spain, his form has been pathetic and even his own Juventus fans have become disillusioned.

At first they blamed the "foreigners" Boniek and Platini for Rossi's lapses, then forgave him for a while believing that Paolo might have had too many post-Cup celebrations.

Now, it seems, even Juventus have had enough: Rossi is likely to be transferred at the end of the current campaign.

So far AC Milan, Fiorentina and Sampdoria have announced their interest.

But Rossi won't be the only departure from the team which, on paper, looked to be the world's strongest only six months ago.

Michel Platini is certain to leave, probably returning to France while the great veteran Roberto Bettega is considering offers from the USA.

To make it even worse, the brilliant Pole Zbigniew Boniek is also unhappy and could end up with Bayern Munchen.

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After a reign lasting four uninterrupted years, Flamengo have lost the Rio League title to Vasco de Gama who won both play-off matches 1-0. In the country's other major league, in Sao Paulo, Corinthians downed FC Sao Paulo in the final, 1-0 and 3-1. Some major provincial league winners: International of Porto Alegre in Rio Grande do Sul, FC Bahia in Bahia State, Sport in Pernambuco, Comercial in Mato Grosso do Sul and Atletico Mineiro in Minas Gerais.

The Sao Paulo club Corinthians — Socrates and others — will build the world's largest stadium, with a capacity of 200,000. Contrary to many beliefs, Rio's famous Maracana today holds "only" 140,000 spectators.

COLOMBIA

Colombian title was won by the America club from Cali. They are coached by Gabriel Ochoa — a qualified physician.

GERMANY

Manager Jupp Derwall is reluctant to recall any of his expatriate stars into the national team. Stieler, Schuster and Muller may be discarded. "It's hard to slot them into a side when they play in another country," Jupp quipped.

Rumanian refugee and former international star Marcel Raducanu, now with the Borussia Dortmund, will be out of action for some months, having undergone a tendon operation.

The city of Munich has awarded its son, Franz Beckenbauer, a specially designed gold ring in recognition of his services to sport.

AFRICA

The 1984 African Nations Cup will be held in Ivory Coast. The country has a first division of 16 teams — split into two geographical zones.

He ain't no ordinary banana... The president of the Zimbabwe republic, Canaan Sodindo Banana, has passed a referees' examination.

ARGENTINA

Leopoldo Luque, the celebrated central striker of Argentina in the 1978 World Cup, has been on the road for some time. In recent seasons he played for Mexico's Tampico, then for the small Argentine club San Cristobal. Earlier this month he was signed by the Brazilian Santos.

CHILE

Chile's soccer will soon be reorganised under new president Rolando Molina. One of his plans is to decentralise the national association — and to hold the first division program in the months from spring through summer to autumn.

BOLIVIA

For the first time since 1978, Bolivar won the Bolivian championship, beating Jorge Wilsterman of Cochabamba in the final play-off.

ITALY

Florentina have engaged as technical director Italo Allodi who was openly accused in several newspapers of match fixing when holding down the same post with Inter Milan some years ago.

Juventus players have been forbidden to talk to reporters and make any comment in the media.

Bruno Giordano, recently amnestied for his involvement in the famous Italian Betting Scandal, is now the leading scorer for the Roman club Lazio and could join Fiorentina for next season.

An all-time great of Italian soccer, Giovanni Ferrar, died recently at the age of 75. Forming a deadly inside trio with Meazza and Piola, he played in the 1934 world champion sides.

CZECHOSL

Former international Josef Masopust is the coach of the little Belgian club Sporting Hasselt, in division two. Also with Masopust are former Czech stars Jan Svehlik and Rostislav Vachalicka.

Team which
almost died

February 6 saw the 25th anniversary of the tragic BEA plane crash at Munich airport, killing eight Manchester United players, some officials and pressmen.

One of the surviving journalists, Frank Taylor — today president of the International Sports Journalists Federation — spent five months in a Munich hospital with his injuries.

"I have Bavarian blood in my veins," he recalls now, referring to the numerous blood transfusions he had received.



The plane in which Manchester United crashed 25 years ago.

GREECE

Athens will be the venue for the European Championships' Cup final on May 25, staging the match in the new Olympic Stadium. The Cupwinners' Cup final will be held in Goteborg, Sweden, on May 11.

HOLLAND

Johan Cruyff may soon become the manager (not the coach) of his club, Ajax of Amsterdam. However, he may have to pass a "skill-test" which is stipulated by the Dutch FA for all team managers from top pro teams down to the amateur ones. And Cruyff will have to prove himself to the examiners.

In the first half of the season in Holland, the average attendance of matches was 9,523 — up some 600 from the previous year.

An amateur, Robbie Mohansingh, has been suspended for life for attacking a referee with a knife.

SPAIN

Maradona, recovering from a severe bout of hepatitis, may be able to resume training in another two weeks or so — much to the delight of the Barcelona fans.

Quini, Barcelona's veteran star and, some three years ago, sensational kidnap victim, will join Sporting Gijon at the end of the current season.

HUNGARY

Hungary's manager Karoly Meszoly was bitterly disappointed with his team's tour results in Egypt: one win, one draw and one loss. Only giant goalie Katzirz and midfielder Hannich escaped criticism from Meszoly who, once again, promises to discard his erratic stars.

The masseur of national team for the past 15 years, Lajos Vinkovics — who visited Australia with the team in 1982 — has been signed by the Portuguese club Sporting Lisbon.

PORTUGAL

Portugal's new national team manager will be the great Mario Coluna, one of the stars of Benfica in the 1960s.

DENMARK

Denmark's captain, Per Ronved, has signed up for an American club — the indoor outfit of tiny Wichita Wings, in Kansas.

USA

Seattle and San Diego are doubtful starters in the new American NASL season — and the membership in this elite though financially struggling league could be down to 10 clubs.

Ossie Ardiles, Tottenham's Argentinian star, has suffered a broken leg and will be out of action for at least two months.

New York Cosmos ace George Chinaglia has been offered the job of technical director with his former Italian club, Lazio of Rome.

YUGOSLAVIA

Former star goalie Vladimir Beara, 59 times international, has signed as coach of a tiny Macedonian club Bregalnica.

Player of the Year for '82, Gudelj, now doing military service, played in a pick-up match with his fellow soldiers — and broke a foot.

Hajduk will play a series of matches in Hong Kong later this month. In January it was the French Monaco who visited Hong Kong.

Former star and later Bayern Munchen playmaker Branko Oblak is still around: he is about to sign for the second division Austrian club Spittal.

SWITZERLAND

Claudio Sulser, 27, rated to be the best striker in Switzerland, had to have surgery for a badly injured cartilage in his knee. The Swiss are hopeful he will be fit for the European Championship match against the Scots on March 30, in Glasgow.

BRITAIN
CALLING

Manchester football followers must be wondering if there's something in the Lancashire air which causes club bosses to become amorous!

When Tommy Docherty left Manchester United, his departure was inspired by his romance with Mary Brown, wife of United's physio.

Now John Bond, who quit rivals Manchester City, has admitted he's been having an affair with an attractive divorcee who works in the ticket office at City's ground.

But Bond insists he did not leave the club because of that.

To complete the story, there are strong rumors in Manchester that Docherty will replace Bond at Maine Road.

The Doc, however, denies it. He says he made the biggest mistake of his life when he quit Sydney Olympic for Preston North End and he's in no hurry to return to the UK soccer rat race.

The Royal Navy vessel HMS Exeter, which fought in the Falkland Islands, returned to Devon and its crew was given the freedom of Exeter. Most of the sailors then went to watch the Exeter City v Cardiff City third division match.

It was a shambles of a game, with two players — Exeter's Pratt and Cardiff's Bennett — being sent off and three others being booked.

All the violence must have reminded the navy men of their South Atlantic task force expedition!

British football could be facing bankruptcy — but at least many of the players are not feeling the pinch.

Arsenal centre-forward Tony Woodcock has just bought a house in Totteridge in north London. He paid \$330,000 for it. But it does have two bathrooms.

Kevin Keegan's income has slumped by \$100,000 a year since he moved into the second division with Newcastle United.

He had contracts with people like Heinz Baked Beans, Mitre Sports Goods, Shredded Wheat, Harry Fenton suits and Faberge — but all dropped him.

"I realise I'm not so useful to firms now that I'm not an England player," said a philosophical Keegan.

But he still collects \$5,000 a week from Newcastle United and this should help keep the wolf from the door.

Bolton Wanderers player-manager John McGovern has asked his players to help the club by taking a pay cut. McGovern, himself, has reduced his wage by 10 per cent.

So far, only one player has agreed to the scheme.

Brian Greenhoff, at 29, may have come to the end of the football road.

Although the midfielder played 18 times for England and was a superstar with Manchester United and Stoke City, he is unable to find a club.

"I'm a free agent," he said, "but after contacting several clubs, my calls have not been returned."

If he isn't fixed up soon, he'll retire from the game.

Injury is the constant fear facing all players and it seems to have played a cruel trick on Nottingham Forest's international fullback Viv Anderson.

Anderson overcame serious injury but he now seems superfluous to Forest requirements.

Forest boss Brian Clough says: "Viv is certainly at the cross roads. He has gone from our first team and the English international squad to the Forest third team."

Leeds United have enough problems without being hit by the foul Yorkshire winter weather.

Gales recently put one grand stand at their Elland Road HQ out of action and it couldn't be used for the F.A. Cup replay against Arsenal. Repairs will cost at least \$10,000... plus of course loss of revenue while the stand is uninhabitable.

Derby County, already \$1,500,000 in debt, have been fined \$17,000 for "poaching" manager Roy McFarland from Bradford City. Bradford, meanwhile, claim they want \$300,000 to compensate for the loss of McFarland's services.

Les has the knack

Les Scheinflug has done it again...

The tournament victory at San Jose, Costa Rica, is yet another feather to his coaching cap.

In fact, since 1981, when he took over from Rudi Gutendorf, Scheinflug's record with the national teams has been sensational, good.

- In 1981 he took the Young Socceroos to the quarter-finals of the World Cup, losing out on a semi-final spot by the odd, rather unfortunate goal;

- In 1982 he won, with the senior team, the Singapore Merlion tournament;

- The same year he led



Les Scheinflug

the Young Socceroos to third place in Acapulco in the Havelange tournament — ahead of Brazil, Mexico, etc.

- In December his re-structured Young Socceroos won the first qualifying round for the Youth Cup in Port Moresby — and now

- They won the second round in Costa Rica.

In fact, his Youth teams since 1981 have lost a total of three matches — West Germany and USSR, both by the odd goal and one to Israel — and the seniors are unbeaten.

It's a great record, really. To be frank, very few people had expected the likeable Les to succeed to such a degree.

His PSL record with Brisbane Lions and Adelaide City was average and it was only with Marconi that he hit the top.

Some people even suggested that he became Gutendorf's assistant only because he could speak German with Rudi who was always too lazy to speak English unless he had to.

Others felt that when Gutendorf was forced to quit, Les should have gone with him.

Australian soccer is now infinitely better off because he stayed — and got the top post.

Captain

I have known Les since he made the first team of Prague in the late 1950s. I still remember his all-heart style, his famous left-foot "croissant" shots and passes, his total involvement in the game.

I applauded when, in 1965, he was made captain of Australia for our very first World Cup match in Phnom-Penh, Cambodia, against North Korea.

And I could not, in a hurry, find anybody else with a longer and more constant involvement with top Australian soccer on and of the field than Les Scheinflug, covering almost a quarter of a century.

Now, it seems, he will be able to build a national side which could take Australia to the 1986 World Cup finals.

Joe Vlasits almost did it; it wasn't his coaching or

the quality of his players but a series of hair-raising administrative mistakes in 1969 that dipped us out.

Rale Rasic actually made it in 1973-74 — and hopefully he still remembers in his prayers goalie Jimmy Fraser and Jimmy Mackay, who, in Sydney and then Hong Kong, helped to immortalise him.

Now it's Scheinflug's turn. His recent successes must have boosted his confidence as well as the ASF's faith in him.

BLANCO MUST SHARE GLORY

By Keith Gilmour

Raul Blanco, now assistant to national coach Les Scheinflug, ended up in hot water when he took over as St George manager-coach in 1980.

Successes were few and far between, and then 1981 was a repeat of 1980. Nothing went right at Marconi, and he was unceremoniously dumped as the flack flew thickly once again.

Obviously Scheinflug felt that Blanco had plenty to offer and he was drafted in as assistant with the national senior and youth teams.

His next posting of substance was to develop youth players with Sydney City. Club president Andrew Lederer also had faith in Blanco as a development coach.

Raul Blanco put his heart into working with the national team squads and he deserves credit for the players' performance in Costa Rica.

No doubt he will be alongside Scheinflug in Mexico City as Australia tries to make its mark on the World Youth Championships for the second series in succession.

who originally came to Australia from Argentina as a player, knowing practically nothing of the language and of the country.



Raul Blanco

In 1981, Australia was in the 16 automatically as host country. This time the spot was earned the hard way.

Helping the team into the World Youth finals is no easy task. Quite a deal of credit must go to the man

FROM THE PRESS BOX

First, the sad statistics.

In exactly 12 months, since February 1982, of the five Sydney NSL clubs

- three have changed coaches;
- three have changed presidents;
- four have changed secretary-managers.

So, of the 15 personnel, only five have survived one year.

Olympic and Marconi share the 'gold medal' having new men (in Marconi's case, men and one woman) in all three key positions.

Only St George have remained intact: they begin the 1983 season with the same threesome that started this time last year.

And from what one hears on the grapevine, this isn't quite the end of the story either: further changes are on the way.

One occurred late last week when the recently appointed secretary of Olympic resigned.

Naturally, such enormous turnovers are not creating stability in the code, especially in club administration.

By the time a secretary or manager has had time to sort out things and implement new ideas — he's gone.

I rather suspect that many clubs engage staff somewhat rashly, more on impulse than logic.

Otherwise it would be hard to imagine that we have such a high failure rate.

Now all this makes the life of the clubs difficult; limited stability and little continuity in top management is a handicap.

Major changes

But it is equally hard on the NSL who have to learn to deal with new people and their new styles.

Of course, even in Clarence Street there have been some major changes: a new ASF secretary and new NSL manager, not to mention the arrival of a commercial director — a totally new team.

One of the secrets of the truly successful overseas clubs has always been a continuity in management.

Matt Busby (Manchester United), Santiago Bernabeu (Real Madrid), the Agnelli-family (Juventus) and several others have, through long years of service, made their clubs great.

Frankly, coaching changes are the least important. In fact, some argue that coaches shouldn't even stay longer than two or three seasons during which the players tend to get a bit bored hearing the same old litany.

But management is different. And this brings me to my point.

The NSL — or perhaps the ASF — could arrange some sort of management course in the various cities for aspiring local talent.

They could invite one or two respected overseas experts on club management and set certain standards in this mysterious field.

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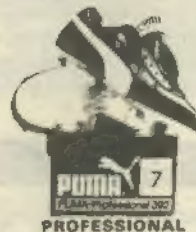
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